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Story 14 Kids on an Average Day

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"ENCHOU JIKU," IT'S WRITTEN WITH THE CHARACTERS FOR EXTENSION AND AXIS.
OKAY... AND THIS KANJI?
LOOK ALIVE! I'VE GOT SOME WATERMELON READY!
Mmmm...

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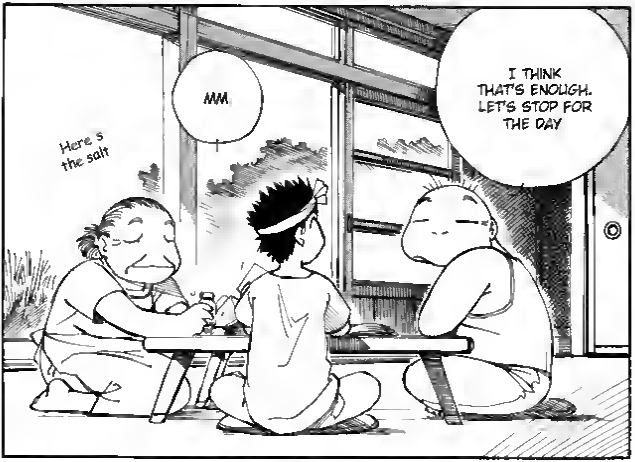
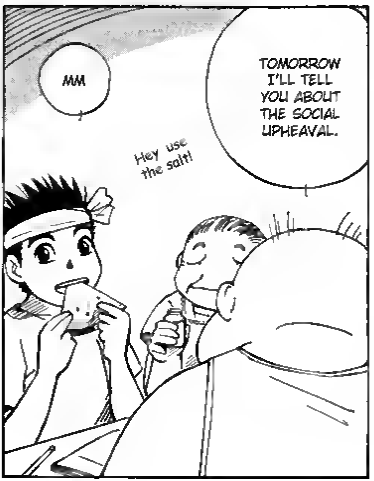
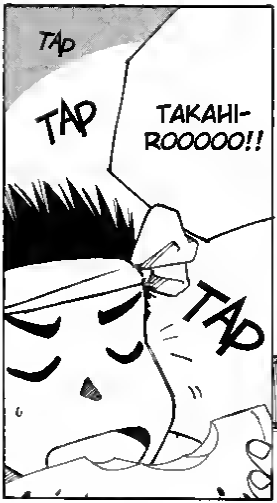
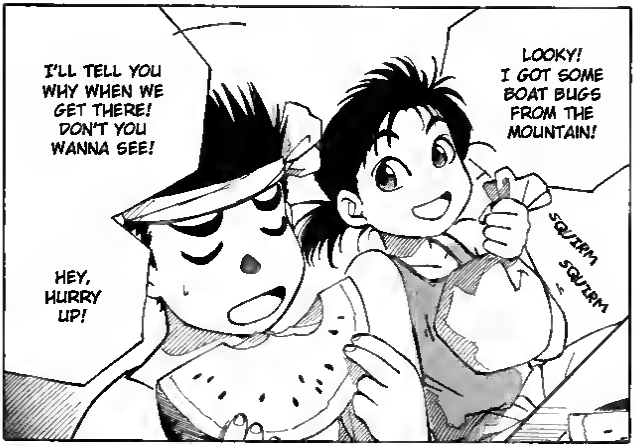
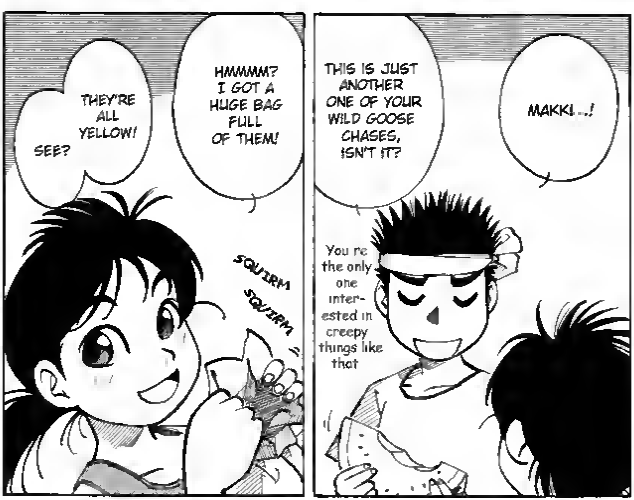





TAP
TAP
TAKAHI-
ROOOOO!!
TAP

COME TO THE SEA WITH ME, 'CUZ I WANNA SHOW YOU SOMETHING!
OH!! YOU'RE ALREADY DONE FOR THE DAY!?


I'LL TELL YOU WHY WHEN WE GET THERE! DON'T YOU WANNA SEE!
LOOKY! I GOT SOME BOAT BUGS FROM THE MOUNTAIN!
HEY, HURRY UP!
SQUIRM
SQUIRM


HMMMM? I GOT A HUGE BAG FULL OF THEM!
THEY'RE ALL YELLOW! SEE?
SQUIRM
SQUIRM
THIS IS JUST ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR WILD GOOSE CHASES, ISN'T IT?
MAKKI...!
You're the only one interested in creepy things like that

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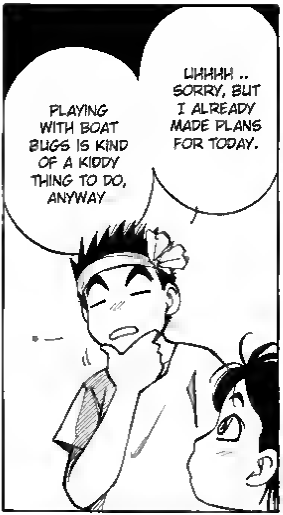
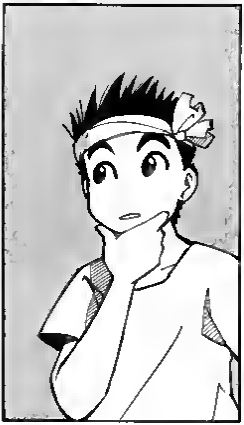
ACK!

OOPSIE

I'VE HAD MORE THAN ENOUGH OF THOSE BOAT BUGS.
HELP ME OUT, TAKA-HIRO?
I'LL HAVE TO GET 'EM AGAIN....
All over the watermelon
MAKKI, DID YOU MEMORIZE ALL OF YOUR MULTIPLICATION TABLES YET?
YEAH, I MIGHT KNOW 'EM ALL. WE'VE BEEN WORKIN' HARD,
HAVEN'T WE?
MM

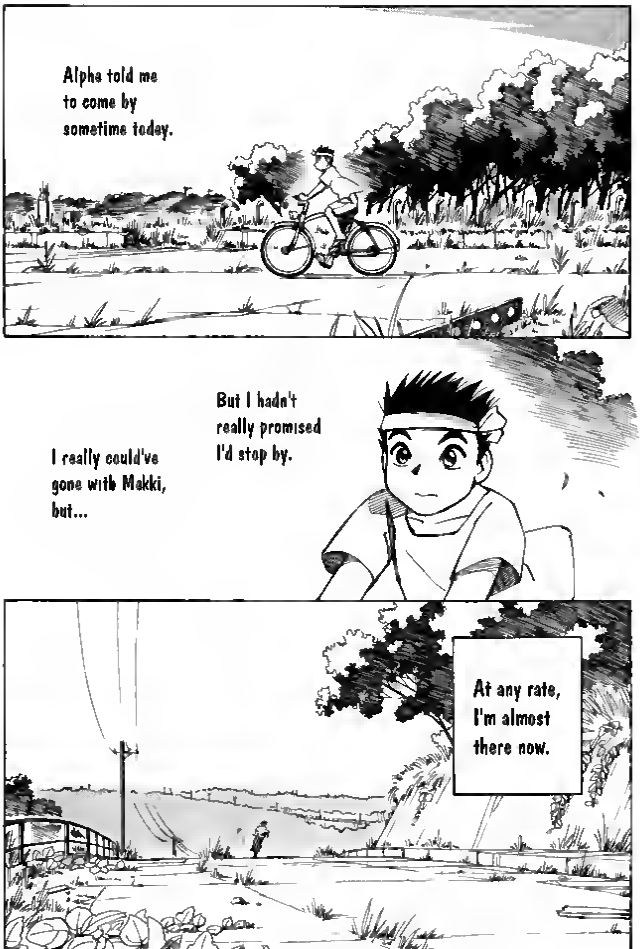

PLAYING WITH BOAT BUGS IS KIND OF A KIDDY THING TO DO, ANYWAY...
UHHHH .. SORRY, BUT I ALREADY MADE PLANS FOR TODAY.

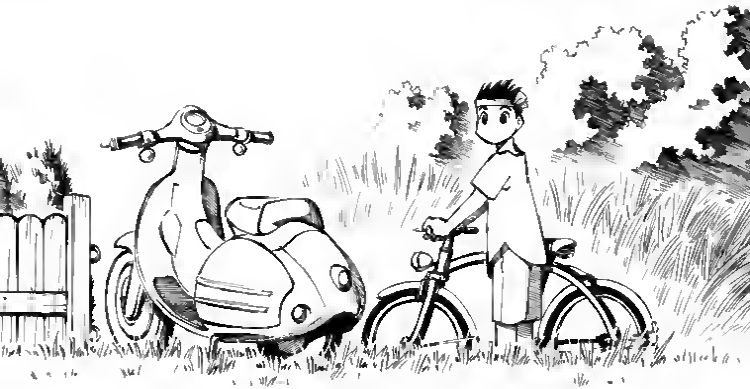
Boat Bugs!
RIGHT THEN! TO THE SEA, THE SEA!



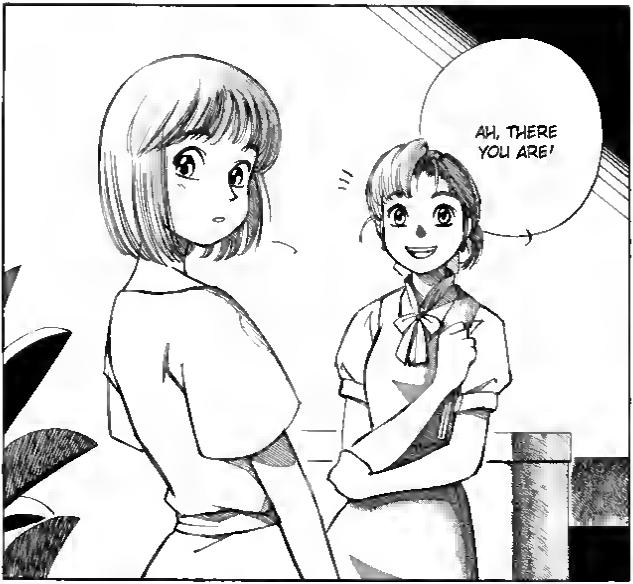
WITH THE BOAT BUGS ...
.....
BUT I WANTED TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING NEAT...

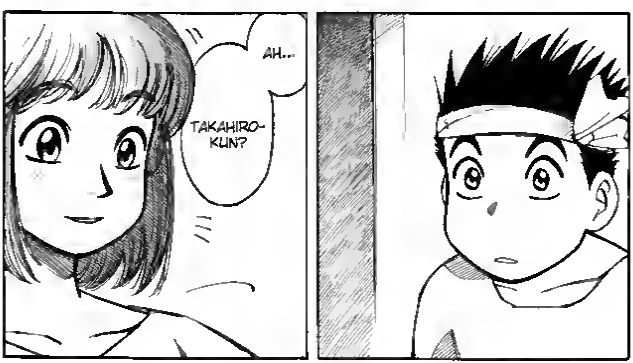
BUT I CAN'T TODAY.
……
I WILL PLAY WITH YOU TOMORROW
…OKAY
TO TALK, LIKE ALWAYS
Nothing like that
YOU'RE GOING TO HER PLACE, AREN'T YOU?
… … .


Alpha told me to come by sometime today.
But I hadn't really promised I'd stop by.
I really could've gone with Makki, but...
At any rate, I'm almost there now.



YELLOW!
IT'S PRETTY RARE TO SEE ANOTHER CUSTOMER . .


AH, THERE YOU ARE!


AH...
TAKAHIRO-KUN?

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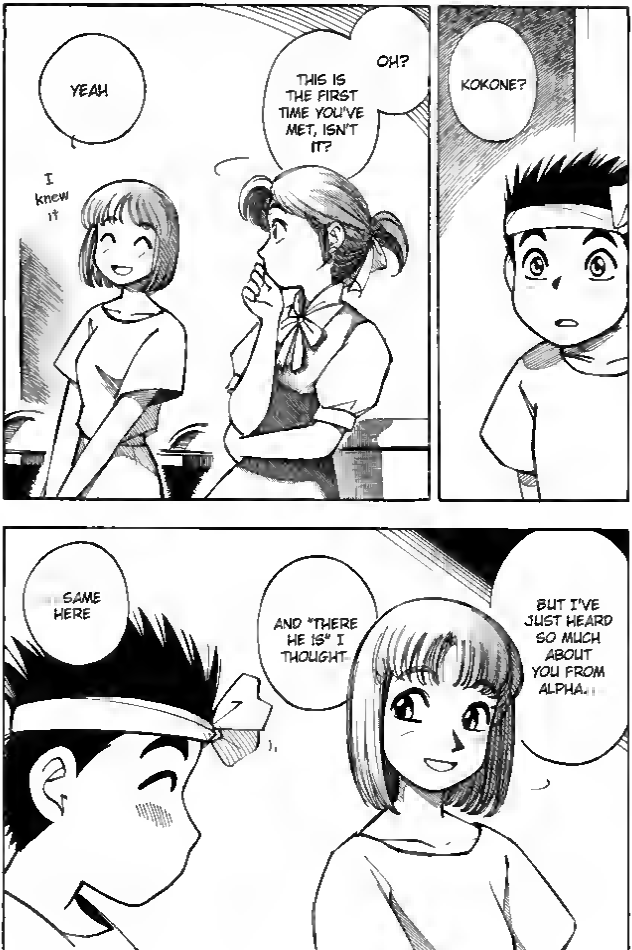
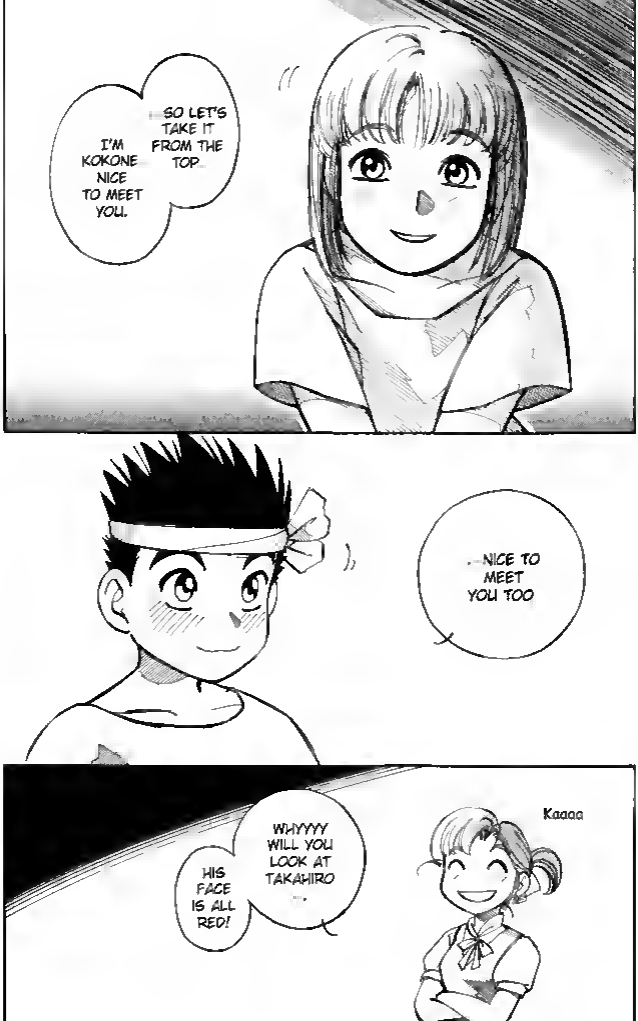
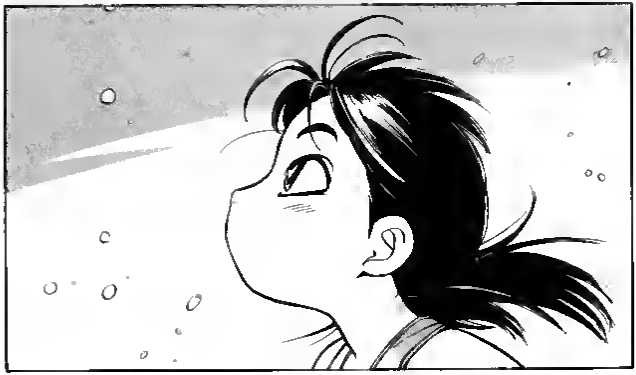

YEAH
I knew it
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE MET, ISN'T IT?
OH?
KOKONE?
SAME HERE
AND "THERE HE IS" I THOUGHT
BUT I'VE JUST HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT YOU FROM ALPHA...


I'M KOKONE NICE TO MEET YOU.
SO LET'S TAKE IT FROM THE TOP
NICE TO MEET YOU TOO
Kaaaa
WHYYYY WILL YOU LOOK AT TAKAHIRO ...
HIS FACE IS ALL RED!

She felt like an older sister returning from a long trip.
ARE YOU STAYING A WHILE, KOKONE?
MM. JUST 2 OR 3 DAYS.
Yep!
...MM.
IT FEELS LIKE I KNOW YOU ALREADY.
AH... YOU TWO...
Mind if I join you?



♪ TAKAHIRO'S A JERK! ♪

Oh yeah, as for Makki...

Story 24 - End

Story25 Far-off Summer Holidays

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FINE.
'KAY, WE'LL BRING IT BACK THIS EVENING.

He he he!
KOKONE BOUGHT ONE FOR ME
AH, WELL THEN ..
DON'T TELL ME YOU BOUGHT A SWIMSUIT...
Bye!
They're like my daughters...
WHY DO THEY REMIND ME OF THE OLD DAYS?

HE ALREADY MADE A PROMISE TO DO SOMETHING WITH A FRIEND
Barely enough room in the truck anyway
IT'S A PITY TAKAHIRO-KUN COULDN'T COME

WOW!
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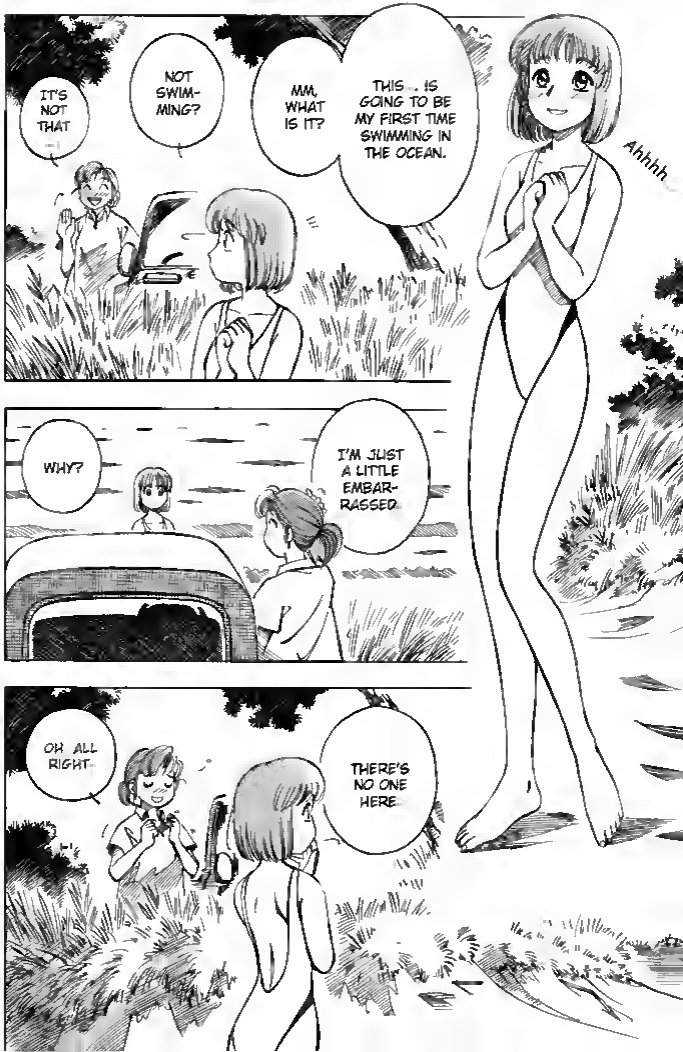
A BEACH!
I HAVEN'T BEEN TO ONE IN AGES!
MM...
THIS IS THE ONLY ONE AROUND


IT'S NOT THAT...
NOT SWIM-MING?
MM. WHAT IS IT?
THIS... IS GOING TO BE MY FIRST TIME SWIMMING IN THE OCEAN.
Ahhhh
WHY?
I'M JUST A LITTLE EMBAR-RASSED.
OH ALL RIGHT.
THERE'S NO ONE HERE.

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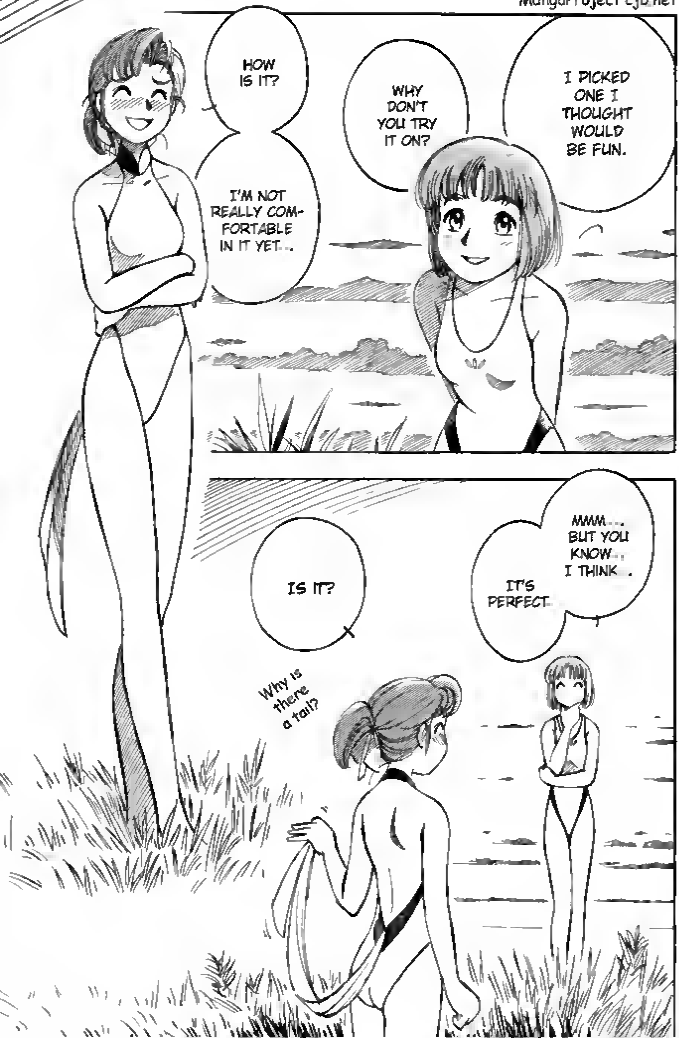
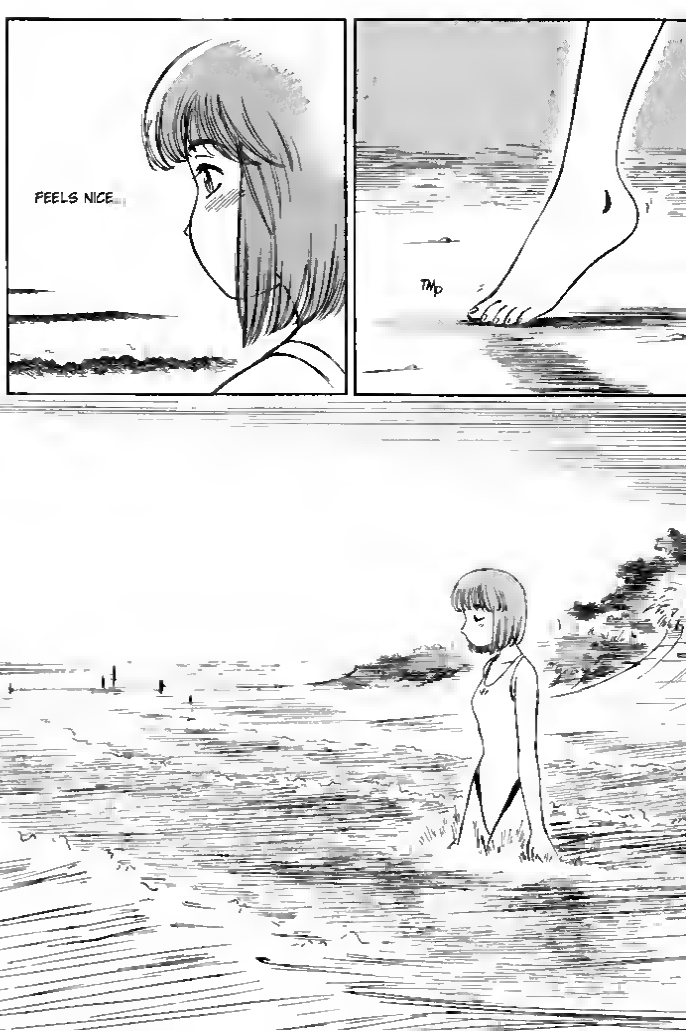

I PICKED ONE I THOUGHT WOULD BE FUN.
WHY DON'T YOU TRY IT ON?
HOW IS IT?
I'M NOT REALLY COMFORTABLE IN IT YET...
MMM... BUT YOU KNOW... I THINK...
IT'S PERFECT.
IS IT?
Why is there a tail?


FEELS NICE...
TMp

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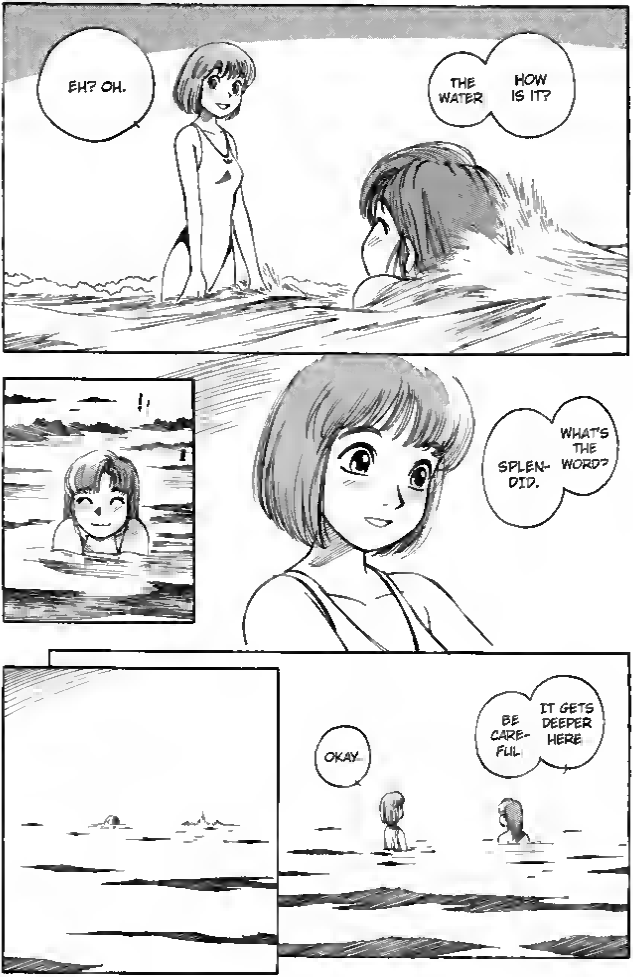
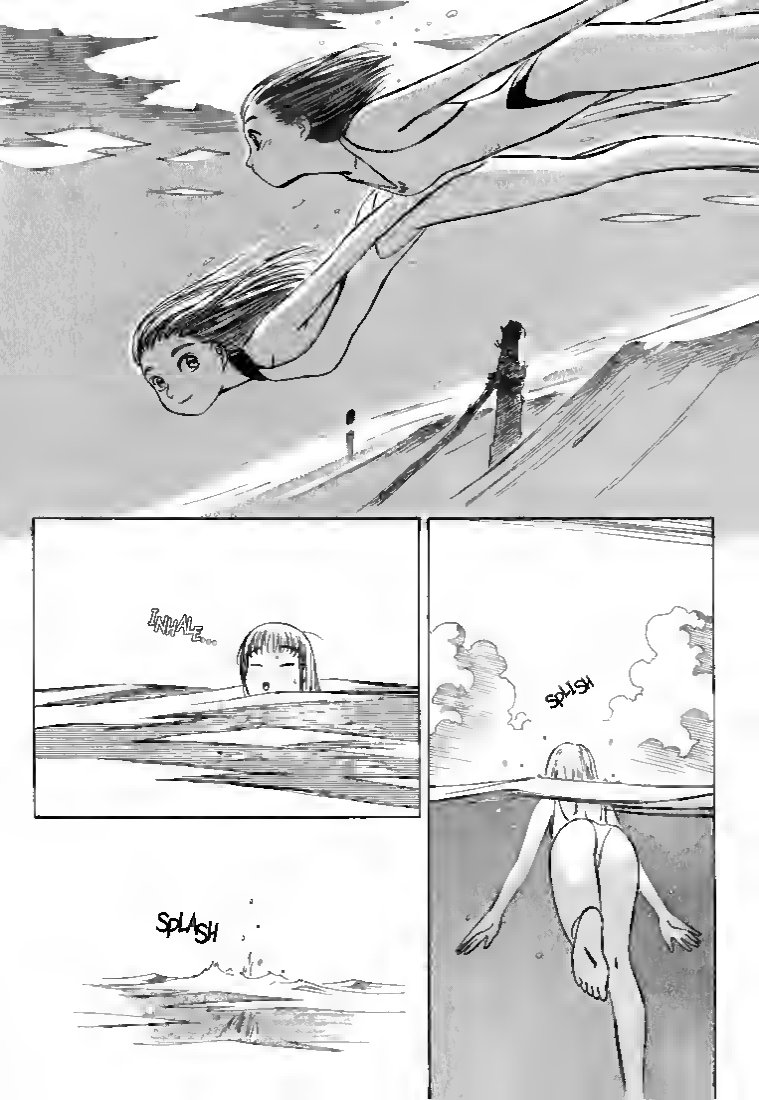
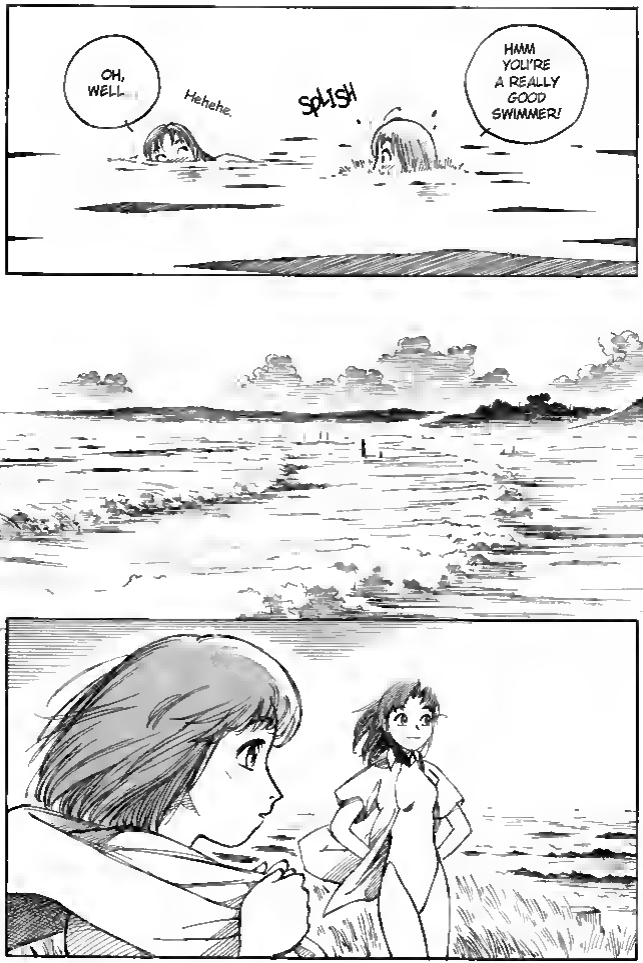
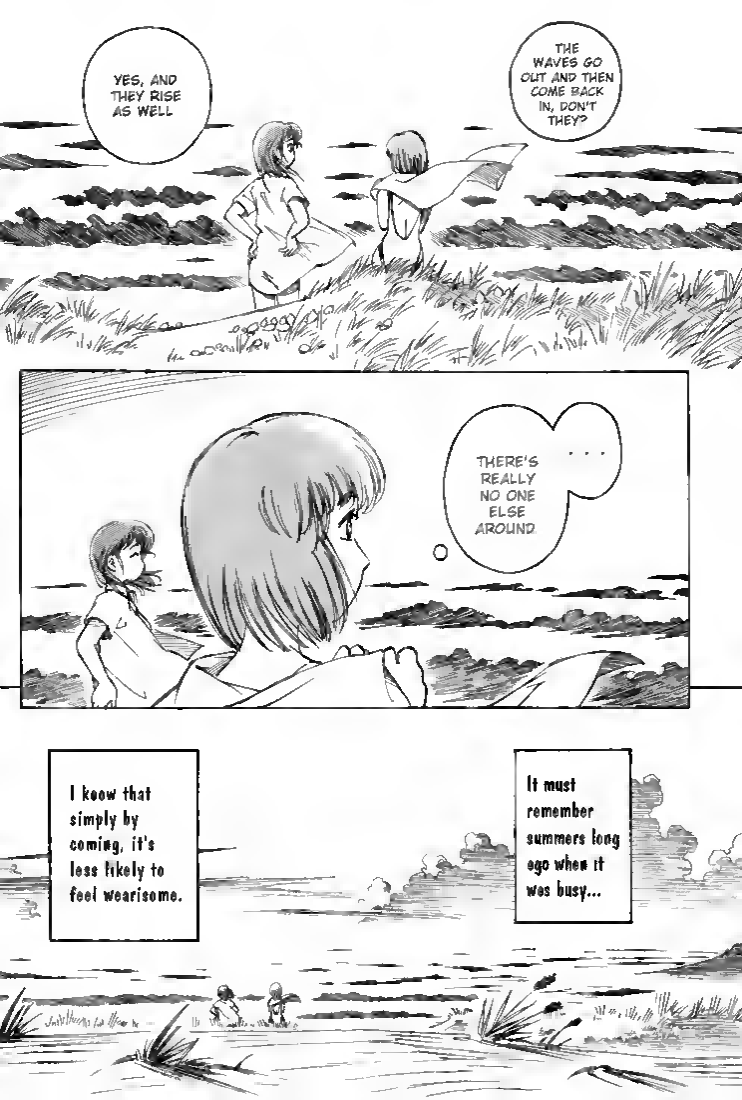
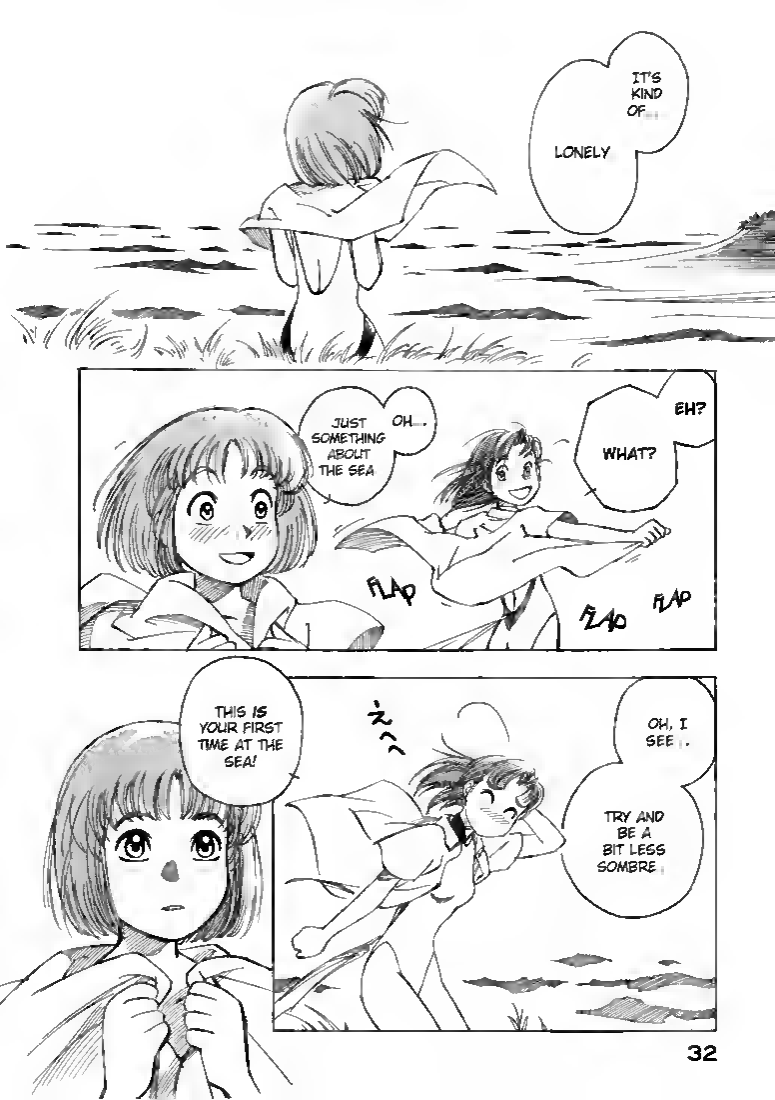



INHALE...
SPLASH
SPLISH


OH, WELL...
Hehehe.
SPLISH
HMM YOU'RE A REALLY GOOD SWIMMER!


YES, AND THEY RISE AS WELL
THE WAVES GO OUT AND THEN COME BACK IN, DON'T THEY?
THERE'S REALLY NO ONE ELSE AROUND.
. . .
I know that simply by coming, it's less likely to feel wearisome.
It must remember summers long ago when it was busy...

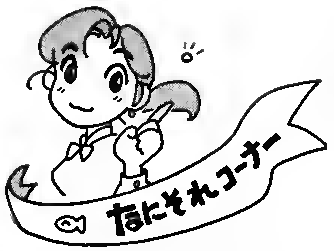

IT'S KIND OF...
LONELY
OH...
JUST SOMETHING ABOUT THE SEA
EH?
WHAT?
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME AT THE SEA!
OH, I SEE...
TRY AND BE A BIT LESS SOMBRE.

But as nice as this water felt...
I think it allowed itself to want us back.
FLAP
Maybe it doesn't look back on the days when it was a summer vacation resort...
I WAS JUST THINKING...
WE'RE THE ONLY TWO PEOPLE HERE!
MM...

Story 25 - End

Q&A Corner

『"What is the Moon Harp?"』



It's an instrument like the biwa!
The Moon Harp is imported from China.
It's called that for the simple reason that the round shape looks like the moon. Normally, the neck is shorter and there are four strings with some wonderful decorations all over it to make it look expensive, but I think mine was hand made locally.

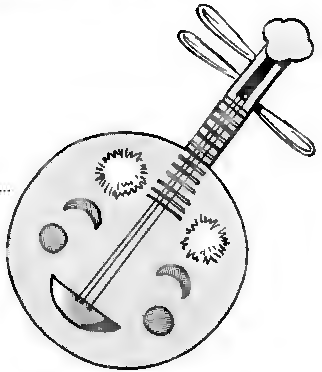
As for the sound, it's sort of like a ukelele, or a mandolin, or a banjo.
It's really supposed to be performed with tremolo, but I'm not an advanced enough player to do that... I just let it flow... ploink, ploink!

On this page, could this be one of the people that made my Moon Harp?
She's wearing the clothes of a Chinese girl from the Sani family of Unnan.
Suits her, doesn't it?

This is the Moon Harp
that GonChiChi-san has.

This is the impression it gives...
At least, I think so.

Cute, isn't it?



Story 16
The Blue M1

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YOU DON'T MIND THE THUNDER?
EH? OH
I JUST LIKE TO WATCH.
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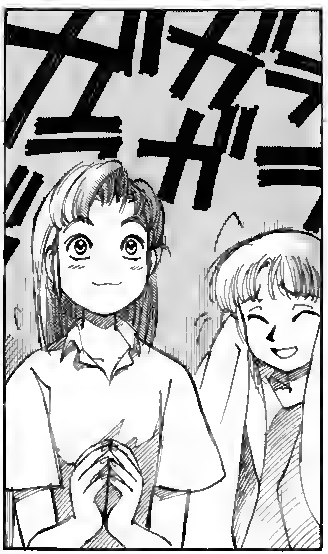
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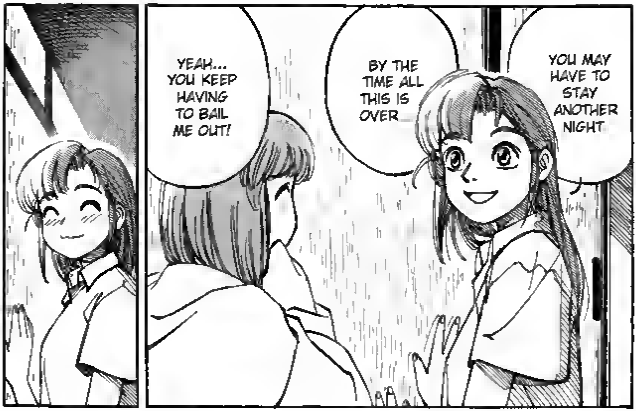
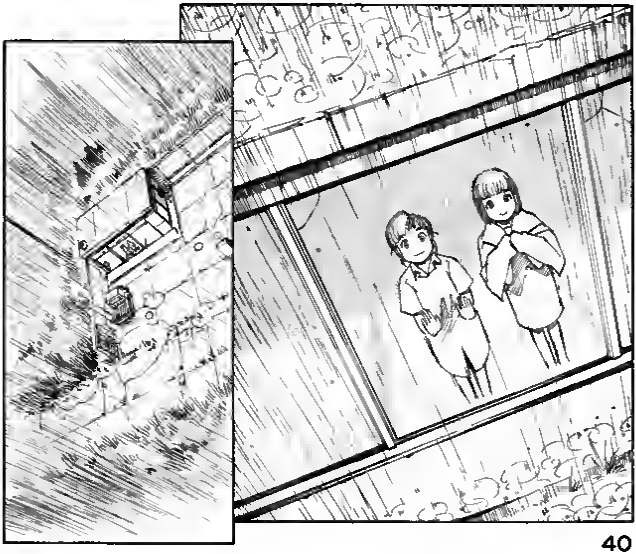
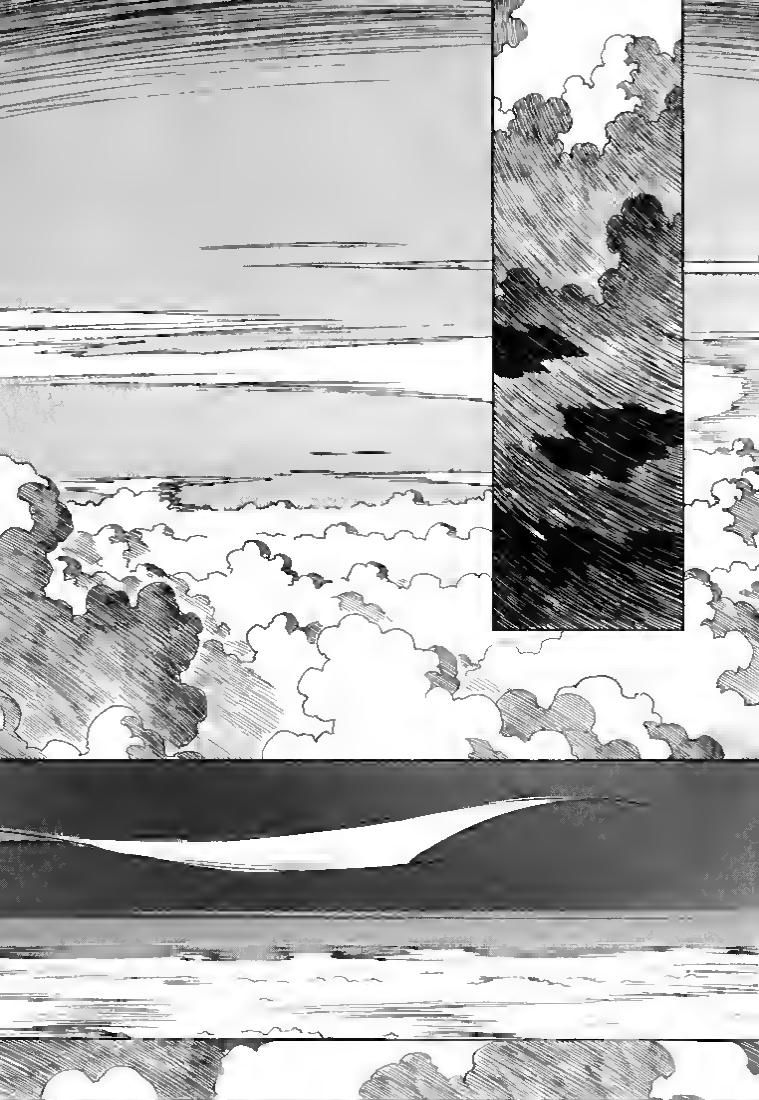
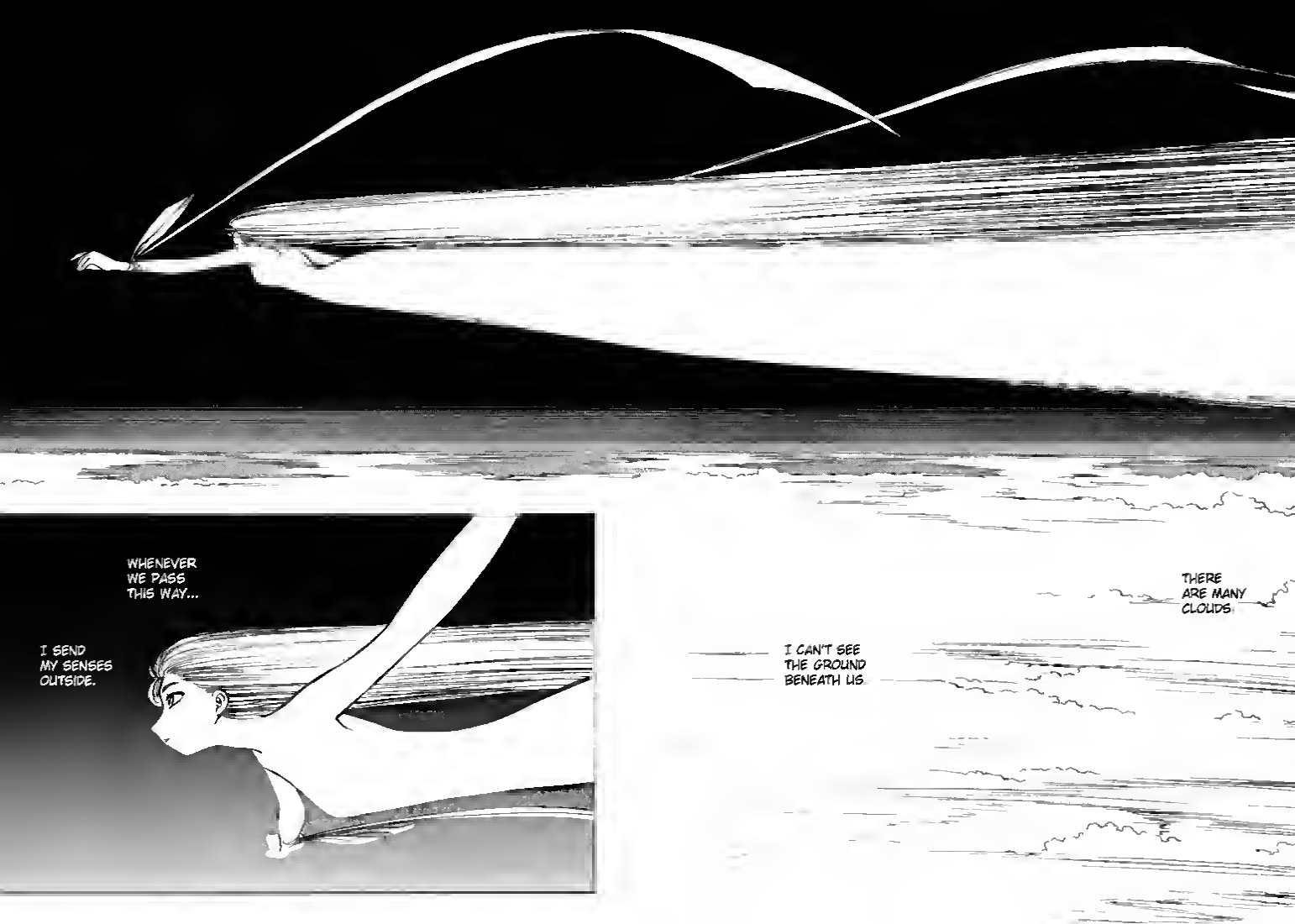
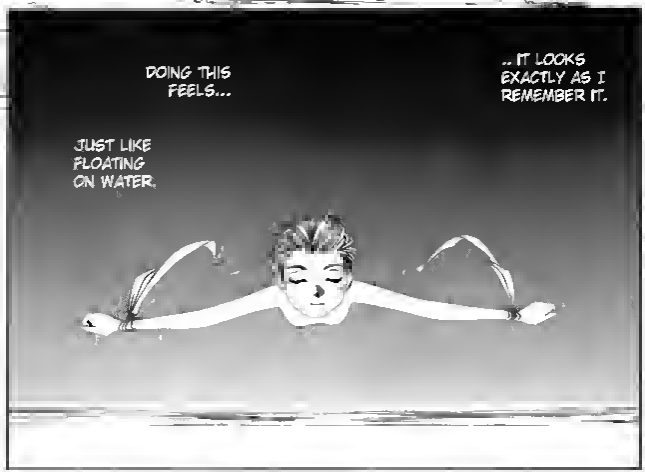
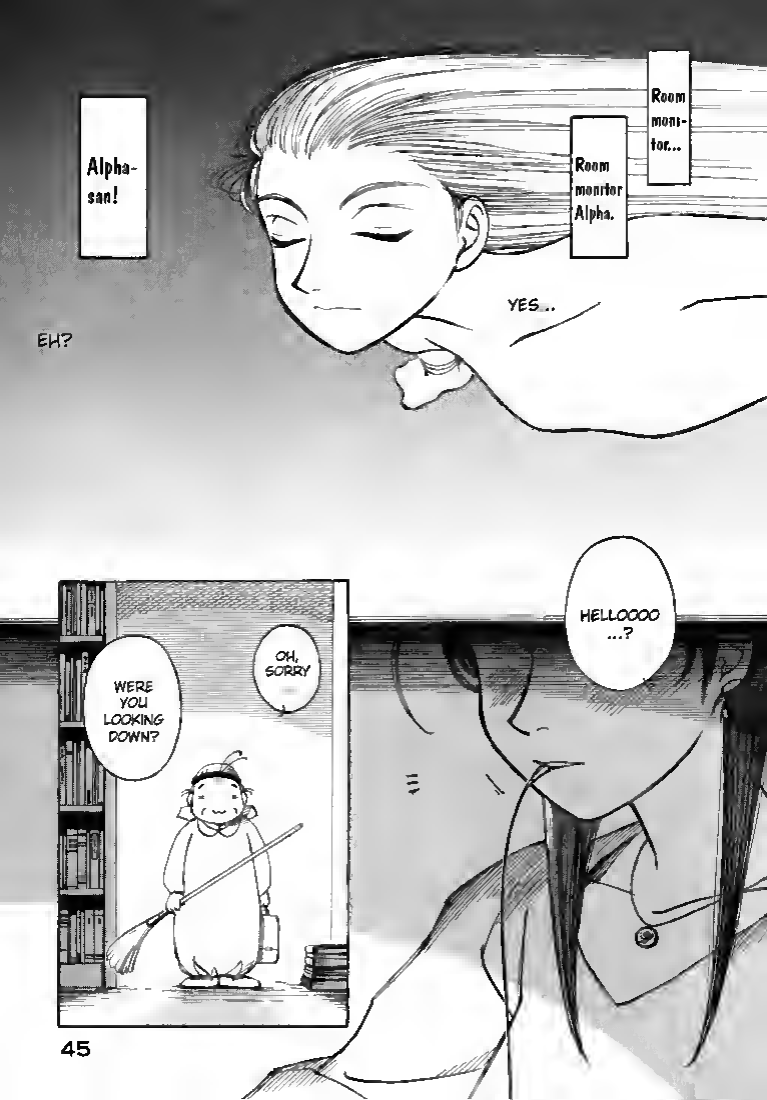






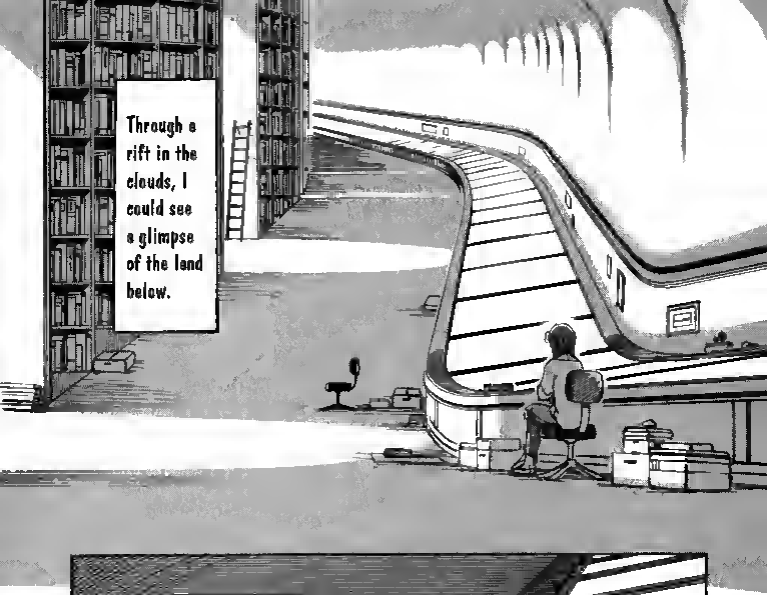

WHENEVER WE PASS THIS WAY...
I SEND MY SENSES OUTSIDE.
I CAN'T SEE THE GROUND BENEATH US.
THERE ARE MANY CLOUDS.


DOING THIS FEELS...
JUST LIKE FLOATING ON WATER.
.. IT LOOKS EXACTLY AS I REMEMBER IT.


Alpha-san!
EH?
Room monitor Alpha.
Room moni-tor...
YES...
HELLOOOO ...?
OH, SORRY
WERE YOU LOOKING DOWN?

OH, NO...
IT'S PERFECTLY OKAY.
OH, YOU WERE BORN ON THAT ISLAND BELOW US, RIGHT?
YES.
I ONLY MANAGED TO SWIM IN THE SEA ONCE.
I STILL HAVE MY MEMORIES OF THAT ONE TIME ..

STILL... I WOULD LIKE TO TRY IT AGAIN SOMETIME.
OH... THANK YOU
I'VE GOT TO GET ON TO THE NEXT ROOM.
WELL, ANYWAY
MM
IT MUST BE MUCH HARDER DOWN THERE THAN IT IS UP HERE.


Through a rift in the clouds, I could see a glimpse of the land below.

While I was once down there, I received word that someone had made me many little brothers and sisters.

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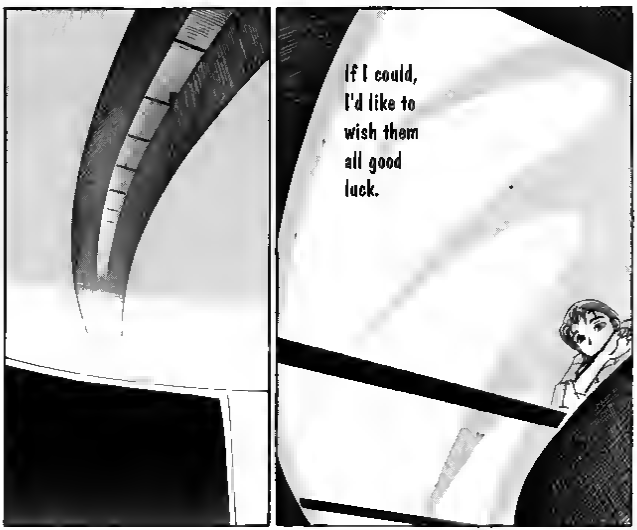
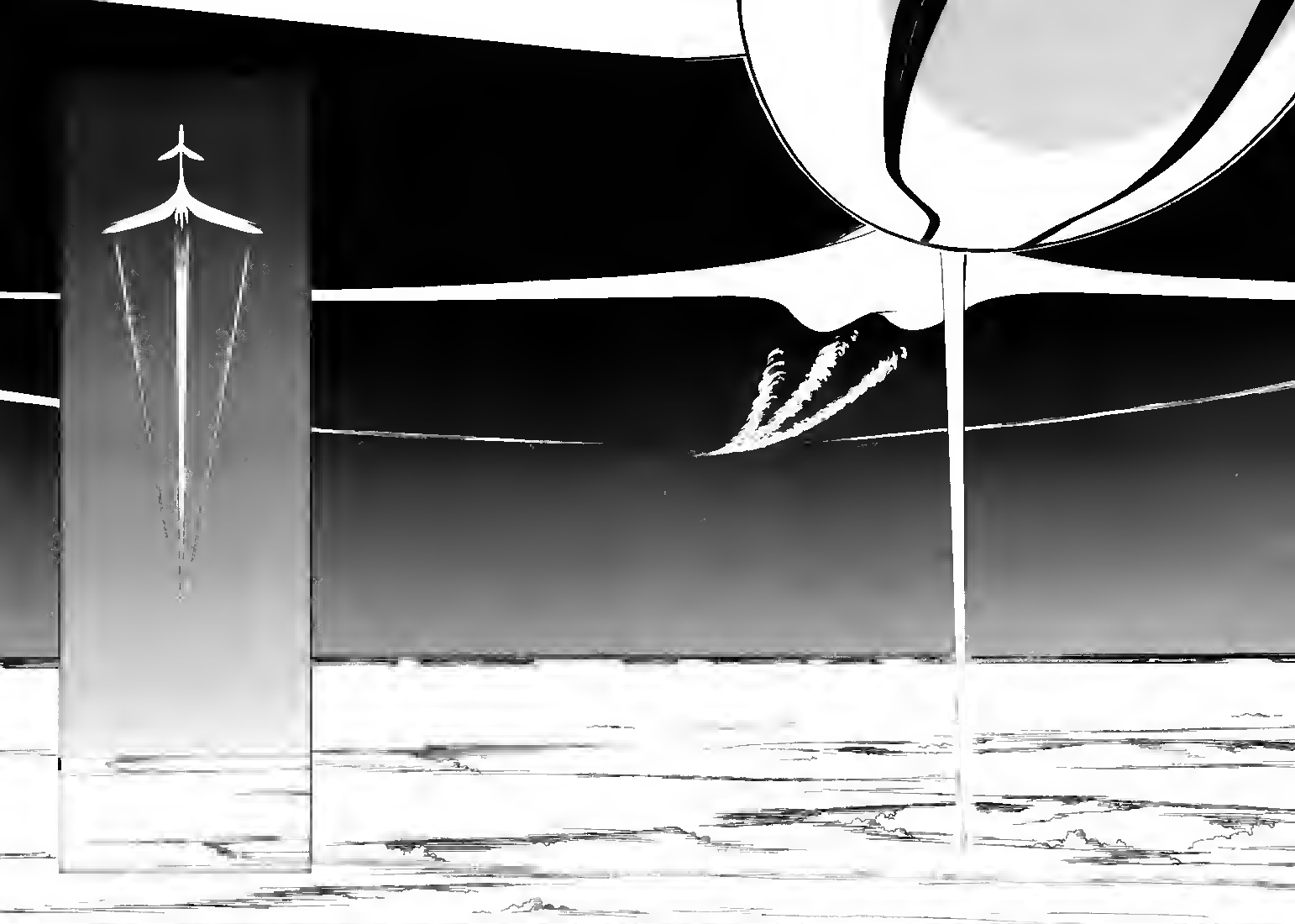
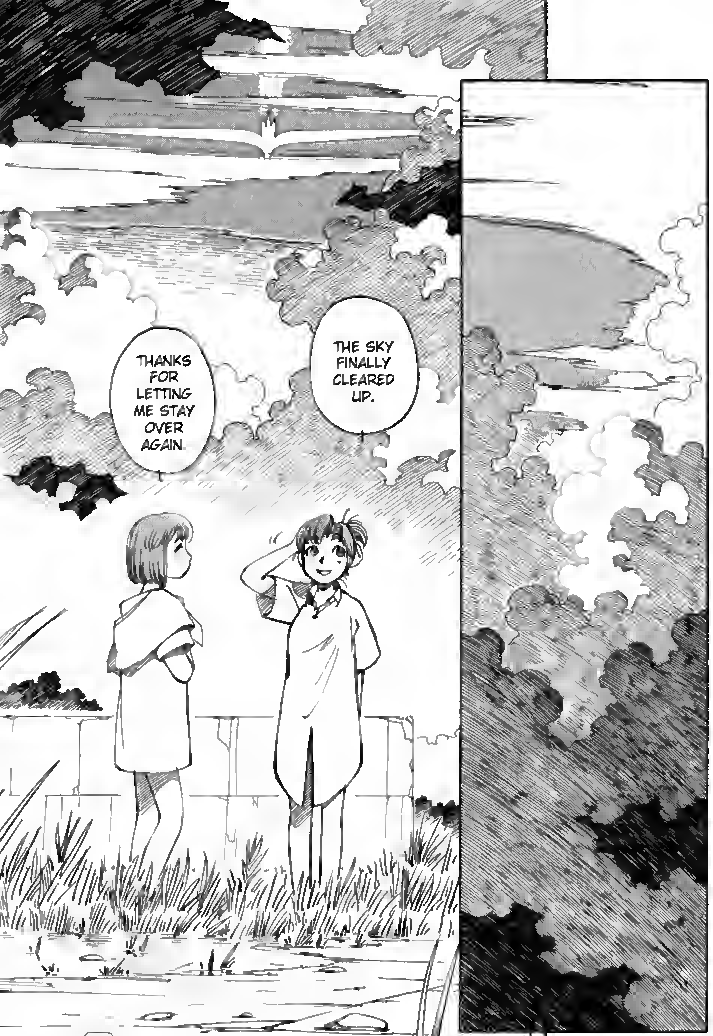
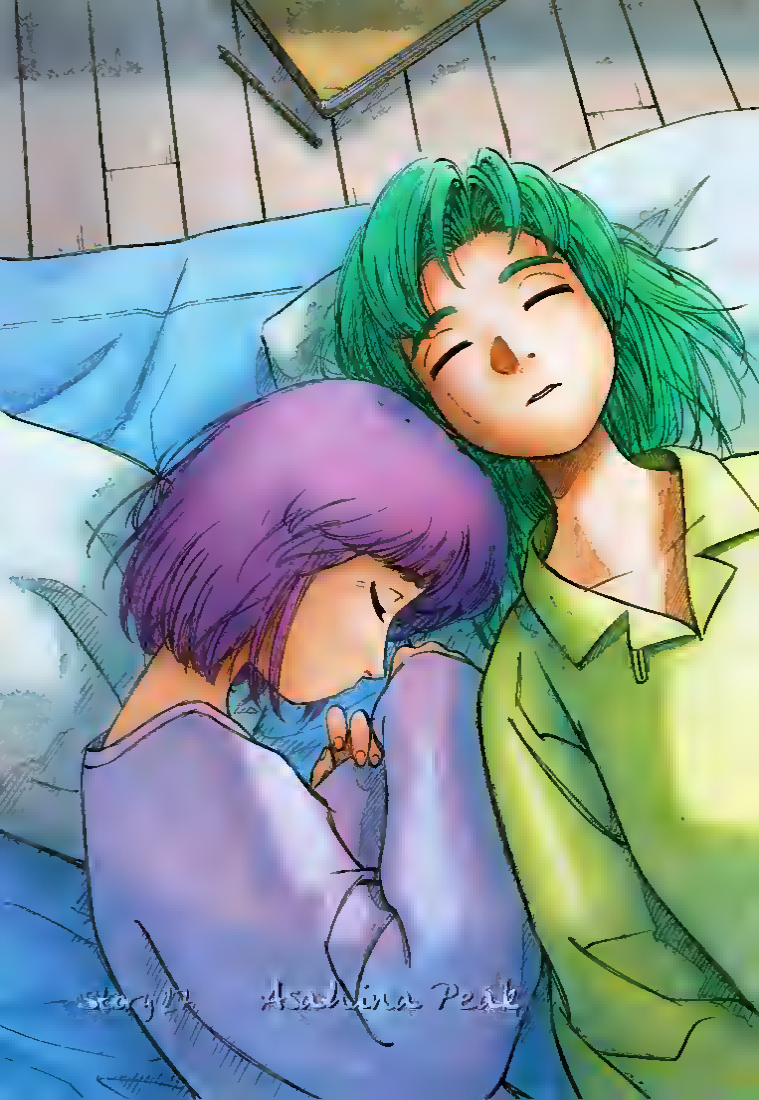





THANKS FOR LETTING ME STAY OVER AGAIN.
THE SKY FINALLY CLEARED UP.

Story 26 - End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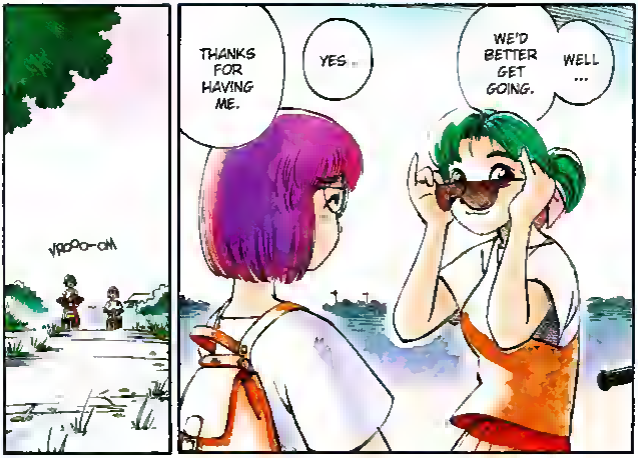
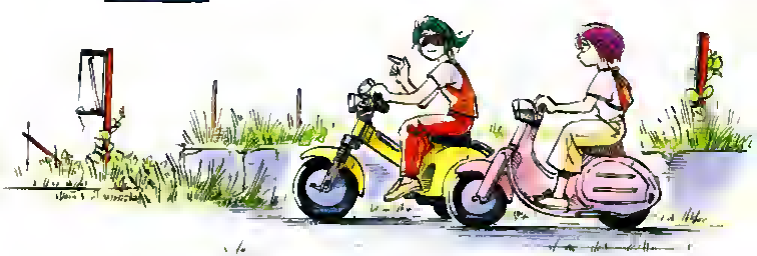
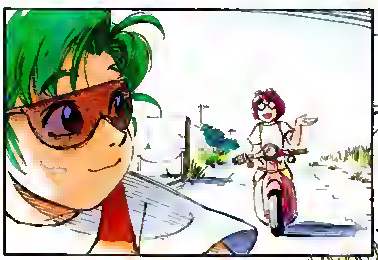


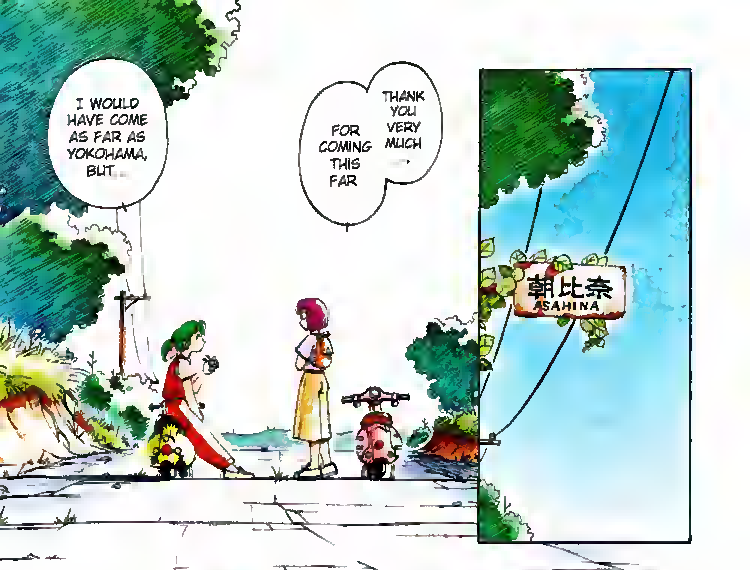
I tried to think of another time, but this was the first time the two of us had done this together.

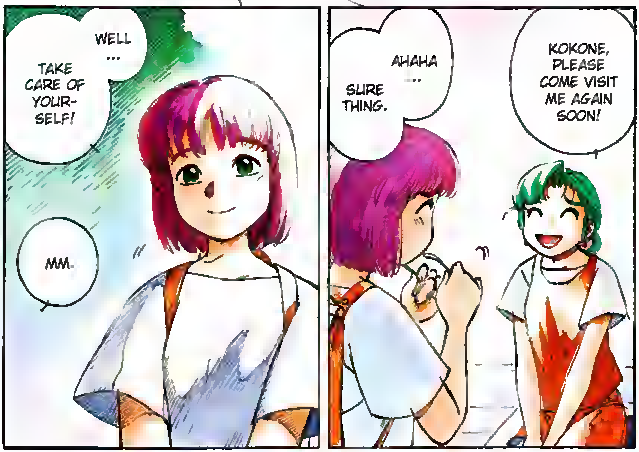
Seeing Kokone off...

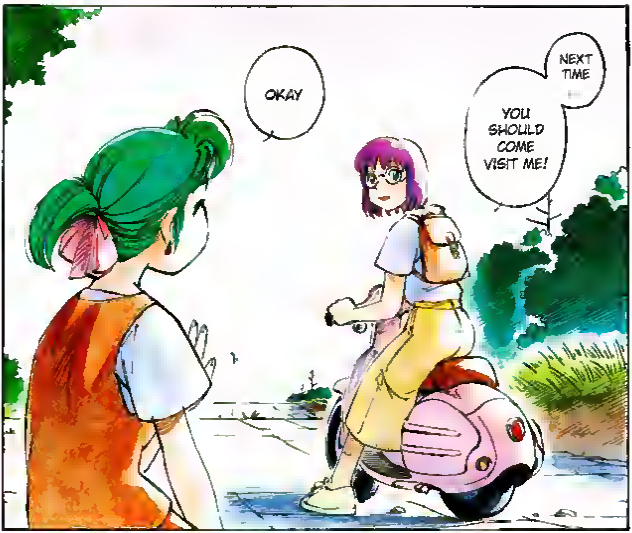


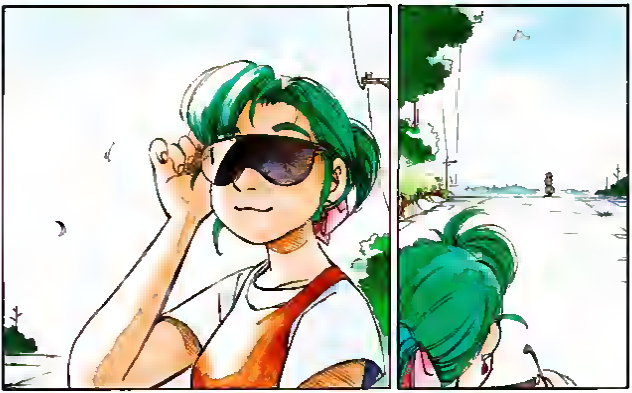
OJISAN'S NOT THERE




I WOULD HAVE COME AS FAR AS YOKOHAMA, BUT...
FOR COMING THIS FAR
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
朝比奈
ASAHINA


WELL...
TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF!
MM.
AHAHA...
SURE THING.
KOKONE, PLEASE COME VISIT ME AGAIN SOON!


OKAY
NEXT TIME
YOU SHOULD COME VISIT ME!



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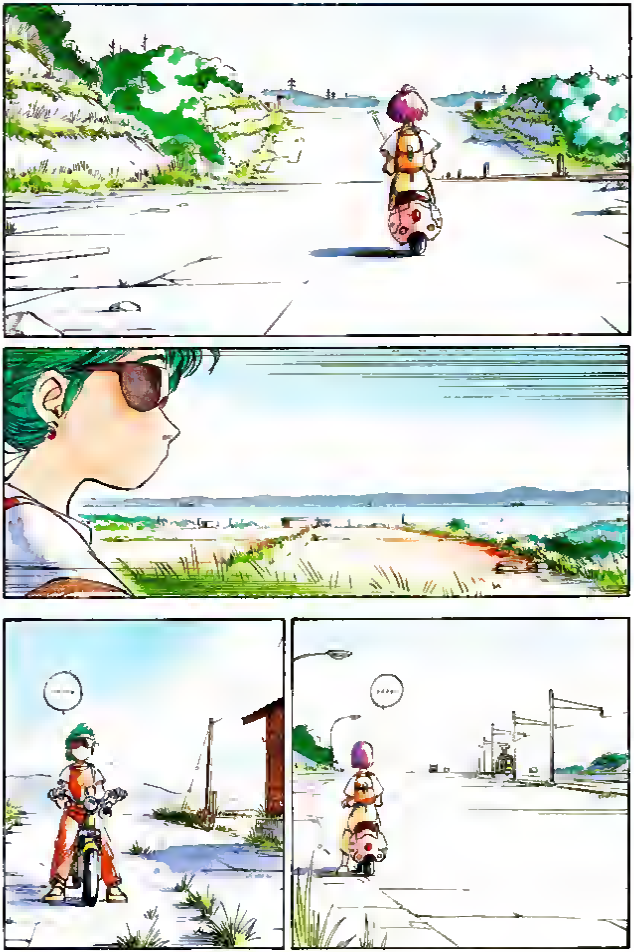
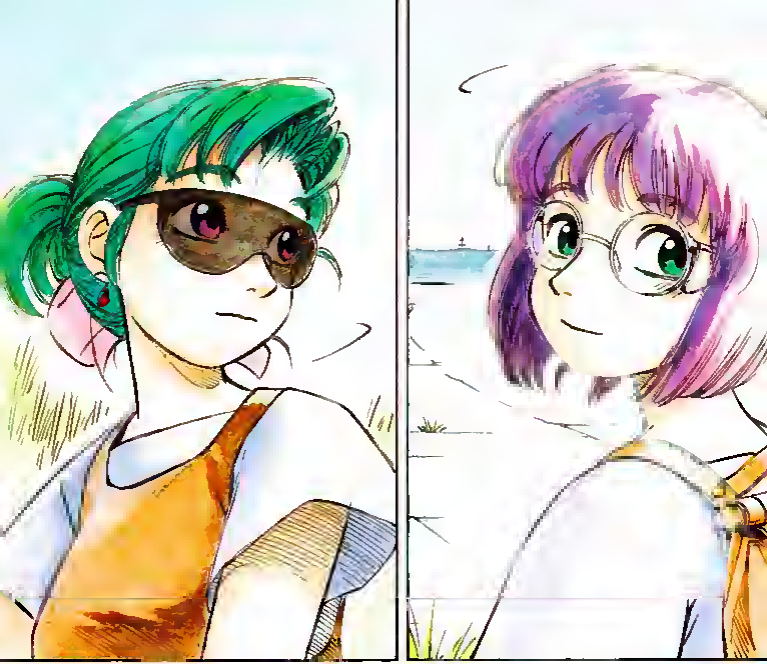
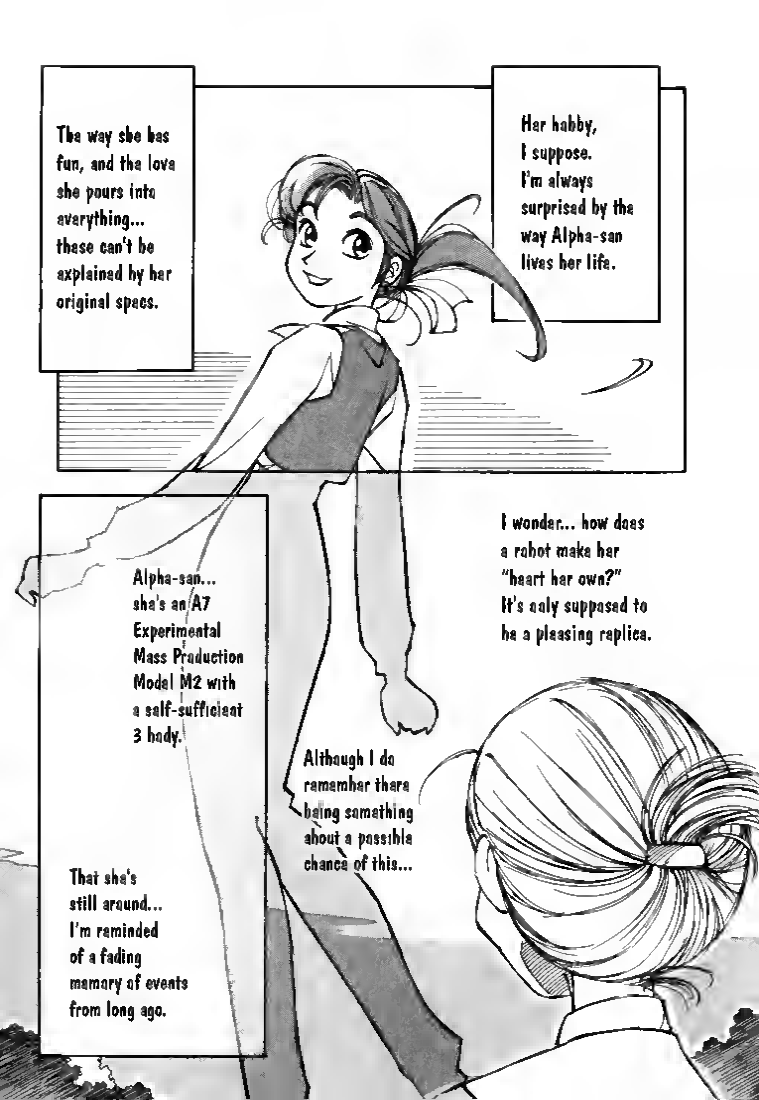




Story 27 - End

Story 28 Connection

IF YOU LIKE IT, PLEASE KEEP IT!
SENSEI... UM... I MADE THIS...
Eheheh...
This key chain... Heh...
Alpha-san likes making things.
EHEHEH... THE DESIGN... IS IT A LITTLE TOO SIMPLISTIC?


The way she has fun, and the love she pours into everything... these can't be explained by her original specs.
Her hobby, I suppose. I'm always surprised by the way Alpha-san lives her life.
Alpha-san... she's an A7 Experimental Mass Production Model M2 with a self-sufficient 3 body.
I wonder... how does a robot make her "heart her own?" It's only supposed to be a pleasing replica.
Although I do remember there being something about a possible chance of this...
That she's still around... I'm reminded of a fading memory of events from long ago.

It was during this time when the first great tide had finally settled down, and we were starting to repair the town and harbor.
Kanagawa, Yokusuka - Mahori coast

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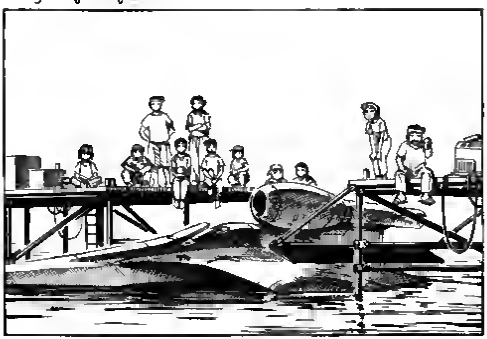
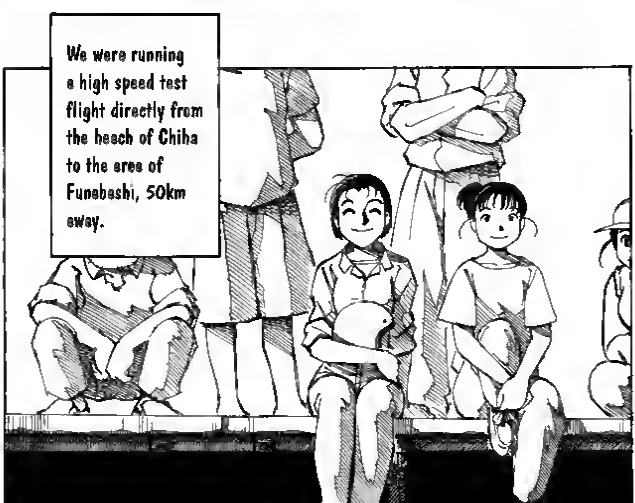


The main inlet of the harbor had tentatively reopened a week ago.



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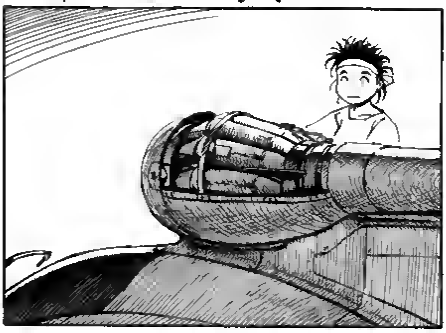
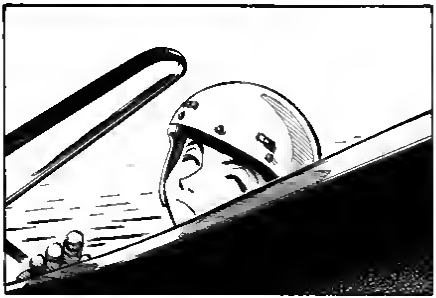


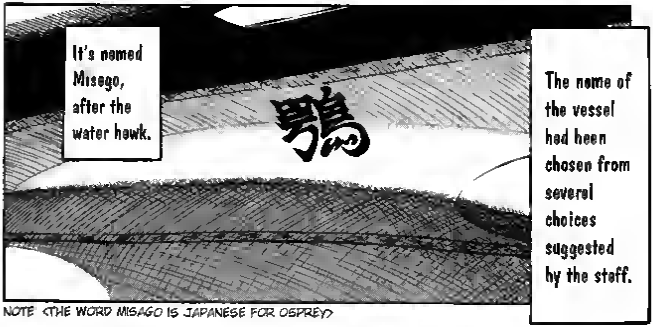
We were all walking on tiptoes.

It was propelled by a top charging hand-made jet engine we had just tuned up.

And I was in charge of the medical personnel.



The plane's body had been painted yellow.


It's named Misago, after the water hawk.
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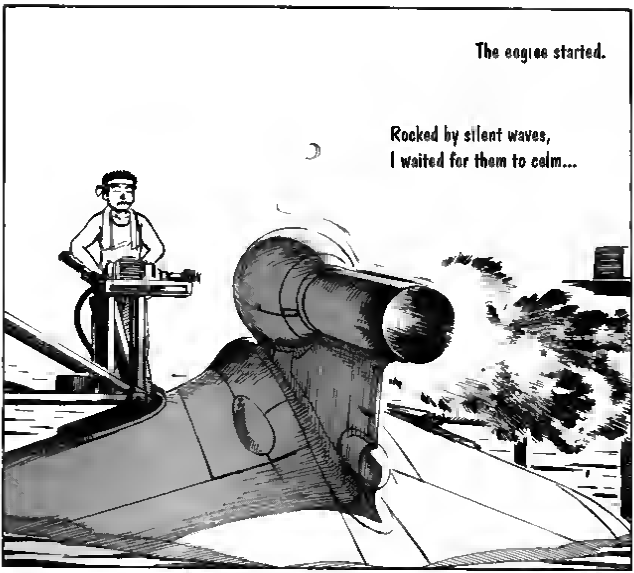
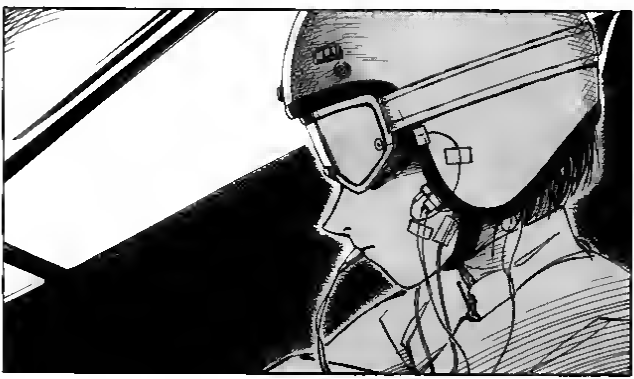
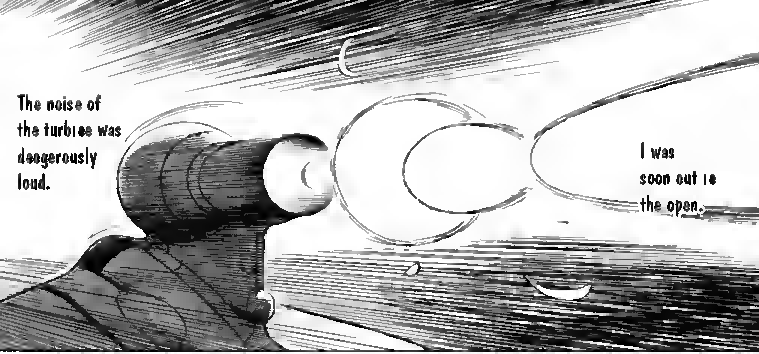
The name of the vessel had been chosen from several choices suggested by the staff.

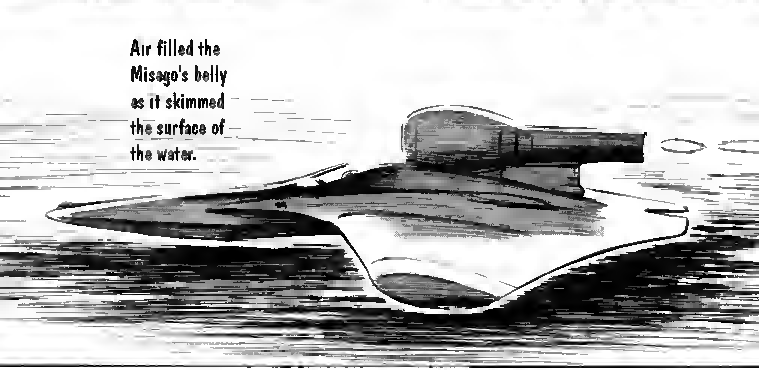
NOTE <THE WORD MISAGO IS JAPANESE FOR OSPREY>


The engines started.
Rocked by silent waves,
I waited for them to calm...



Start.

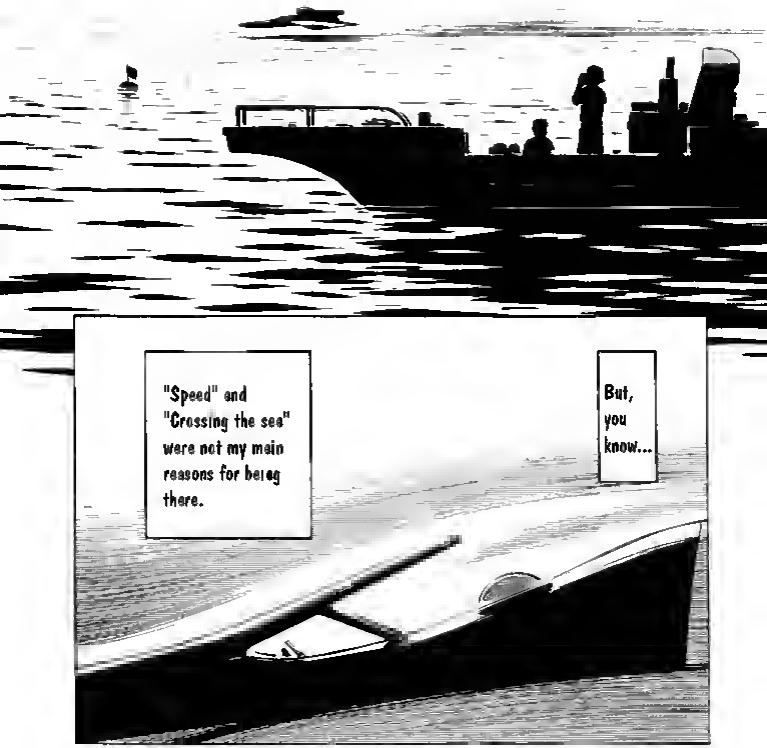

The noise of the turbine was dangerously loud.
I was soon out in the open.


Air filled the Misago's belly as it skimmed the surface of the water.

So they only gave me enough fuel for about 5 minutes.
When she wasn't at full throttle, she was unstable.
And thus, the engine only ran for those 5 minutes.

My speed couldn't go above 600km.

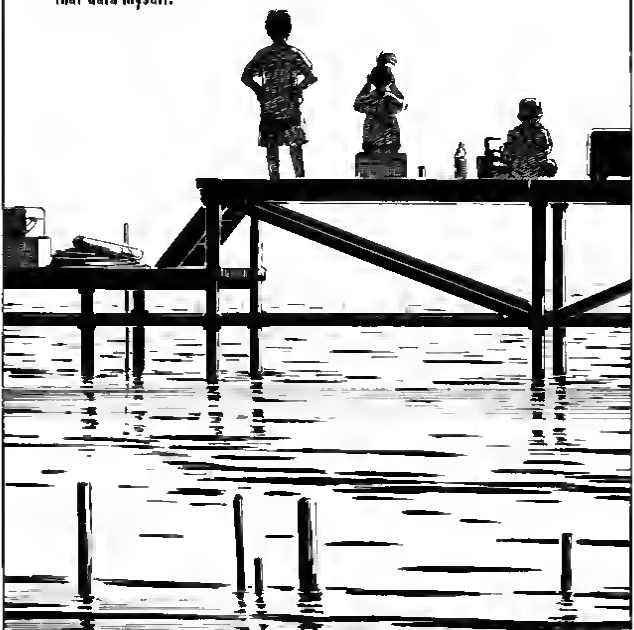
As I sped past at 450km an hour, patrol boats monitored for irregular movement.

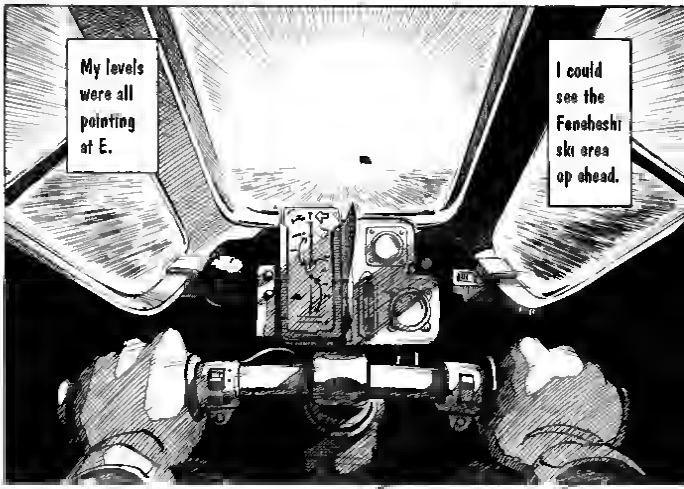


"At the utmost limits you can challenge the boundaries of human sensation. There will be a time when you can measure this."

I wanted to get that data...

So I set off to collect that data myself.




My levels were all pointing at E.
I could see the Fensheshi ski area up ahead.

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And then I hit 620...

After all, there wasn't much to their intended use.

I think there's a chance the data we collected had a part in producing a machine which had free will.

Afterwards, since we all had differing interpretations of the data, the Alpha Type was born.

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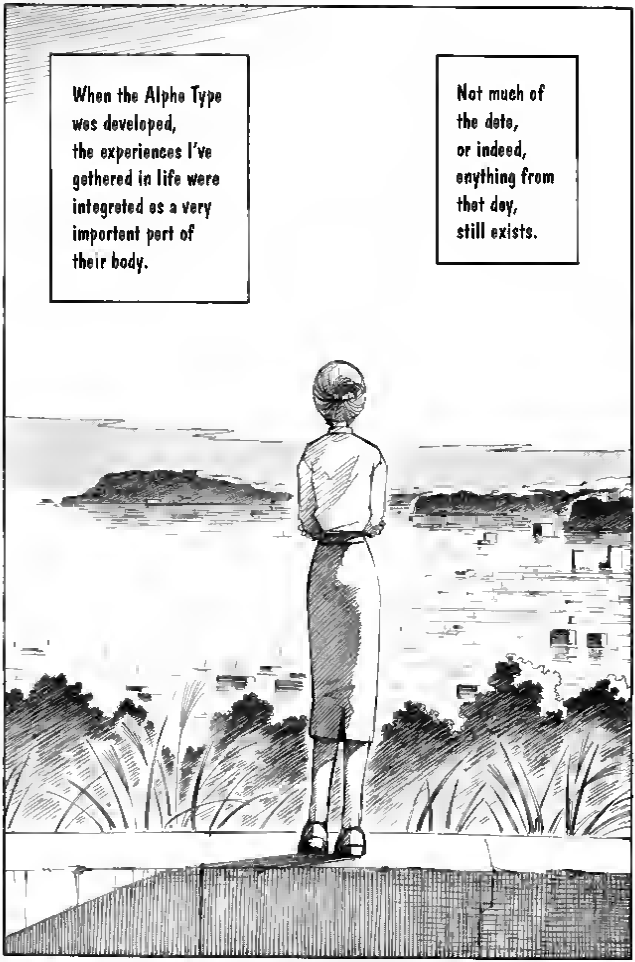
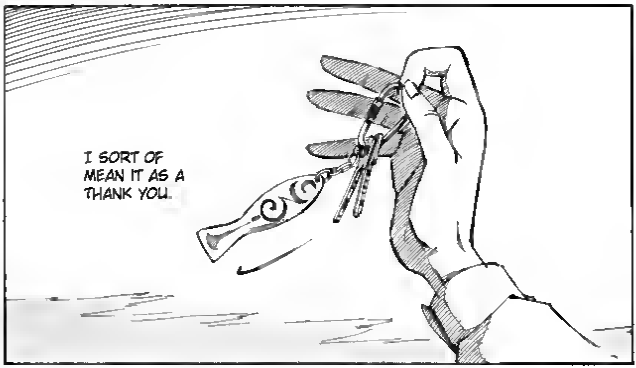
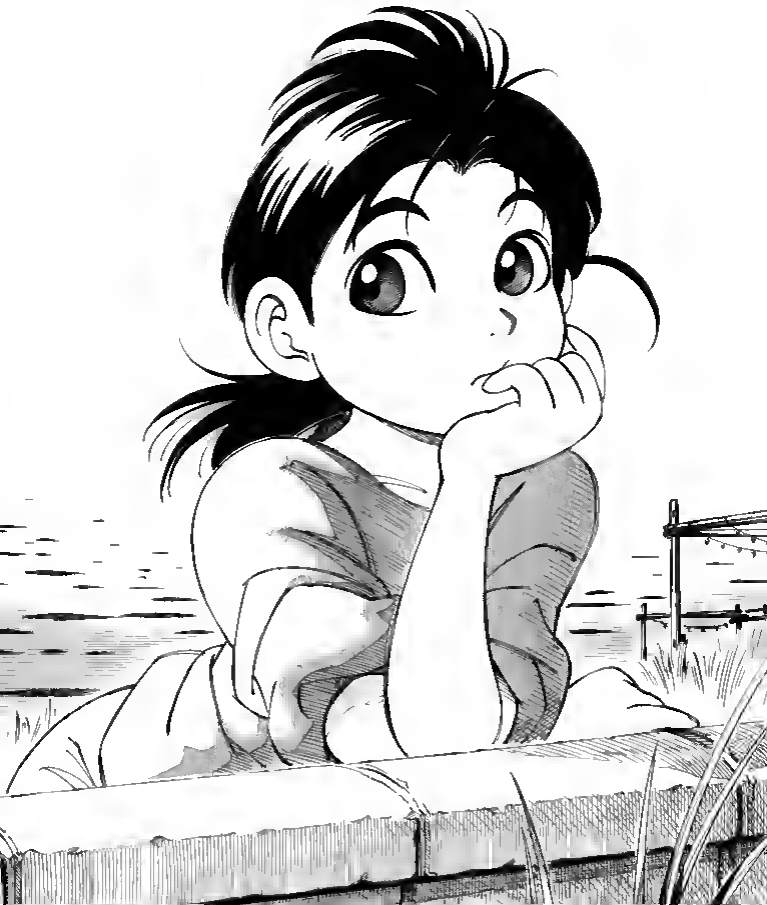
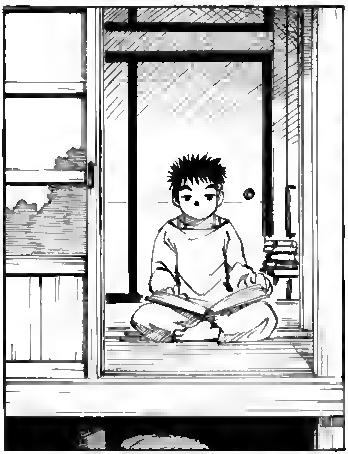

When the Alpha Type was developed, the experiences I've gathered in life were integrated as a very important part of their body.
Not much of the data, or indeed, anything from that day, still exists.

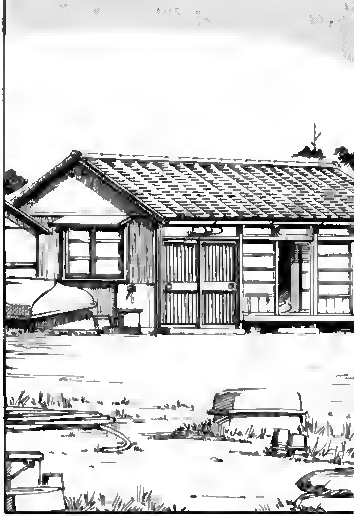

I SORT OF MEAN IT AS A THANK YOU.

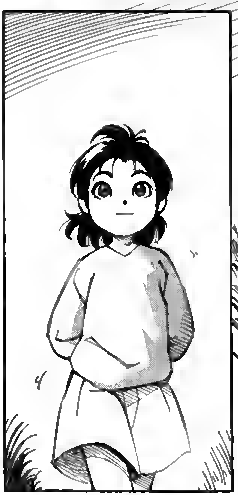
Alpha-san is... still following along that path herself.
Story 28 - End

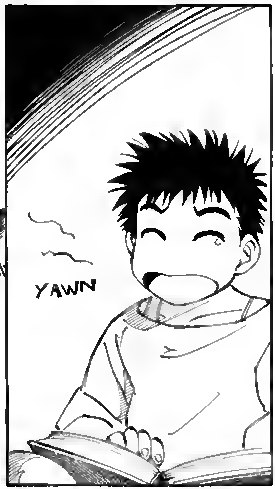
Story 29 In the Sun










YAWN

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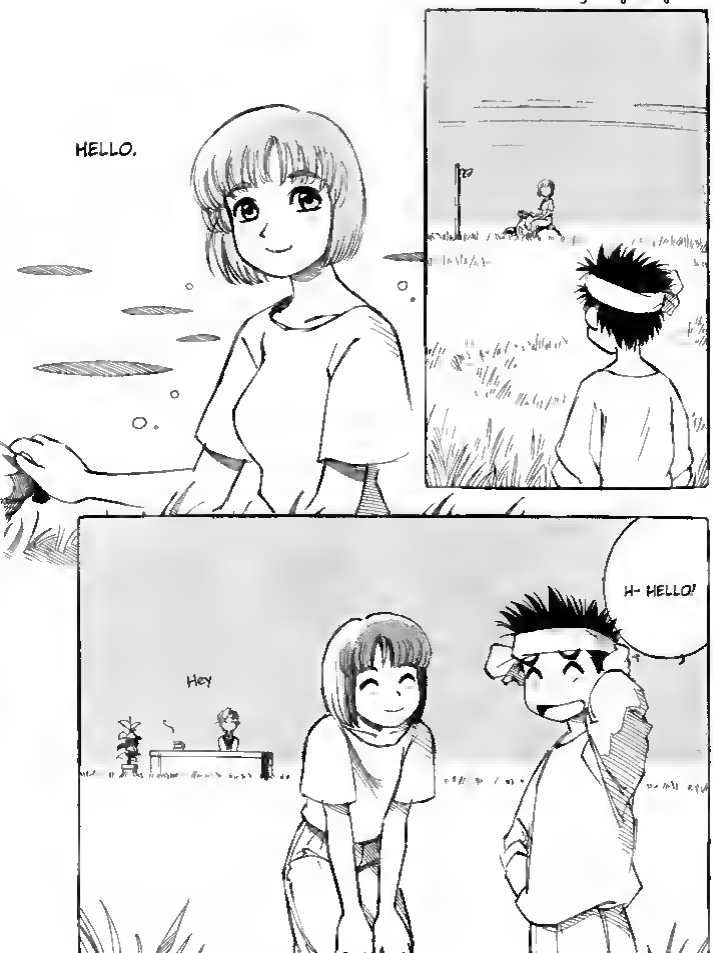

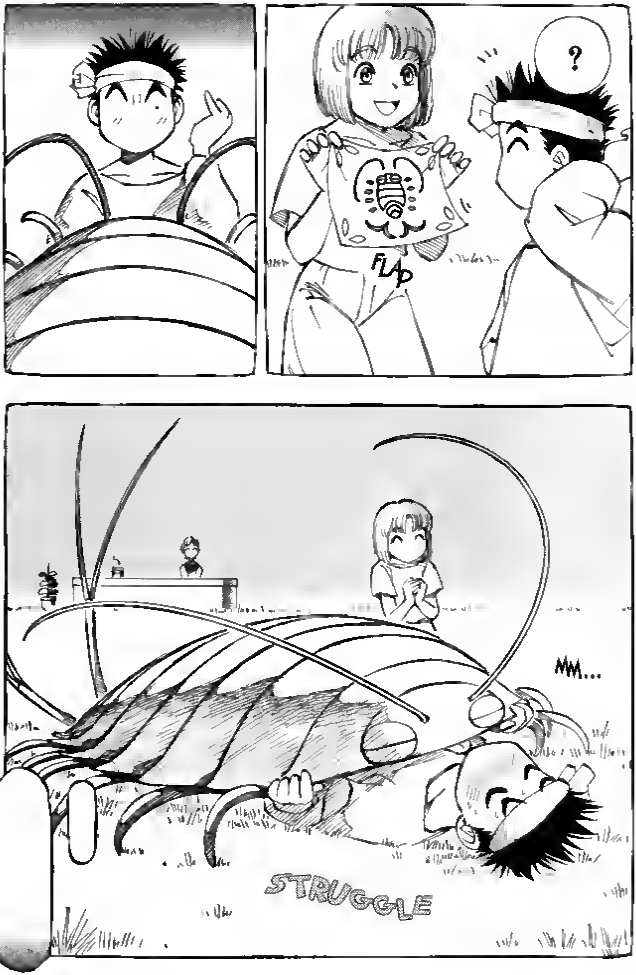
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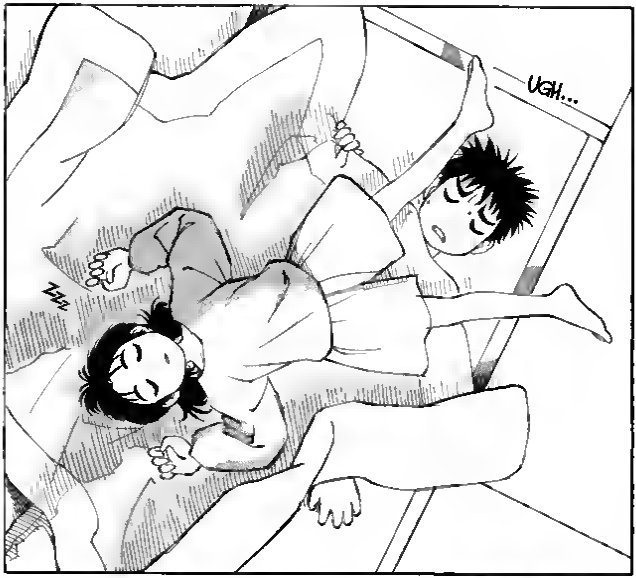
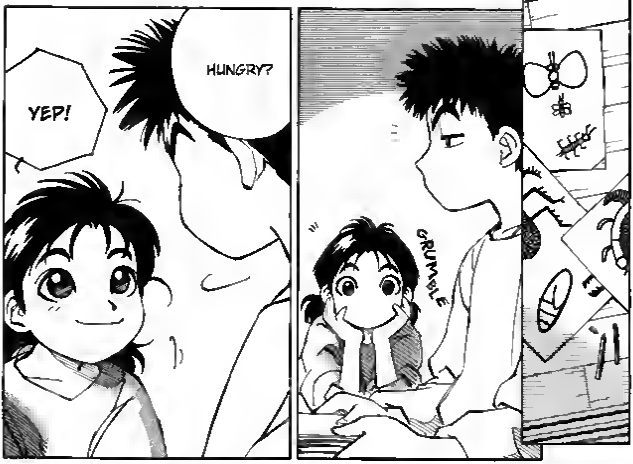
FLAP
MM...
STRUGGLE

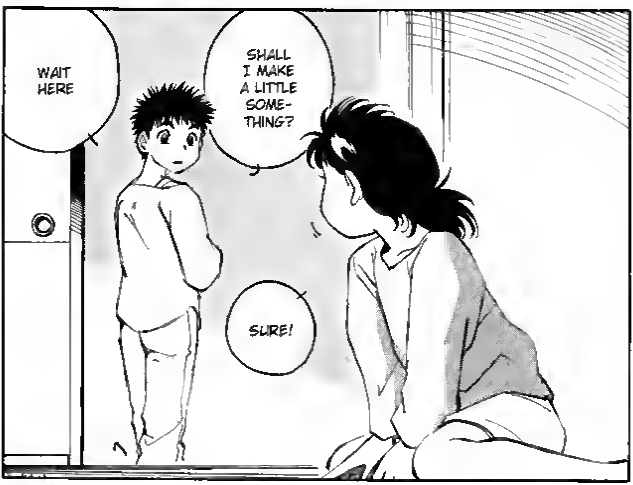

UGH...
Zzzz

...YOU WOKE ME UP.
I MEANT TO GO SLEEP NEXT DOOR, BUT...
MMM
WELL, YOU WERE ASLEEP, SO...

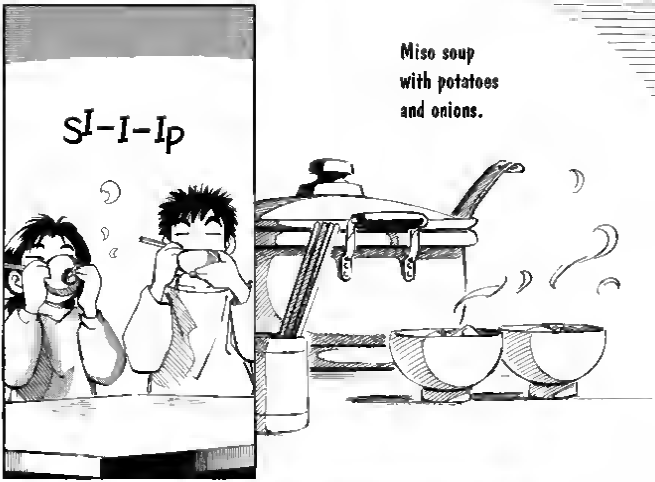
I'D RATHER STAY HERE WITH YOU
CHOP
I DIDN'T WANT TO GO!
WEREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO GO WITH YOUR AUNT TO THE SOUTHERN TOWN?
OH YEAH
I'LL BRING 'EM BACK TOMORROW
THOSE BOOKS... I CAME TO BORROW A FEW OF THEM AT LEAST, THE PICTURE BOOKS.
Hecke and Minara
FINE. CAN YOU READ THEM?
DOESN'T MATTER.
WE PLAYED YESTERDAY I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE TODAY.

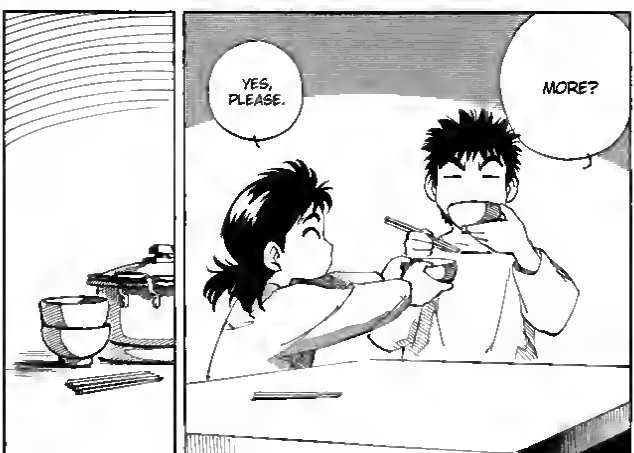
BUTTERFLY!
A MOTH?
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD DO THAT...


HUNGRY?
YEP!
GRUMBLE


WAIT HERE
SHALL I MAKE A LITTLE SOME-THING?
SURE!

AHHHH. . CAN YOU PEEL POTATOES?
NOD
HEY, I SAID WAIT!
THUNK
PEELED ENOUGH FOR THREE...


SI-I-Ip
Miso soup with potatoes and onions.


YES, PLEASE.
MORE?

HEY, MAKKI!
HUH?
.....
WANNA COME WITH ME TO ALPHA'S NEXT TIME?
YEAH

YA-AWN
ビクッ
ガラッ
YAWN . THAT'S ENOUGH... I'M GOIN' TO BED.
ME TOO...
えー
ゴソゴソ
WIGGLE

WELCOME.

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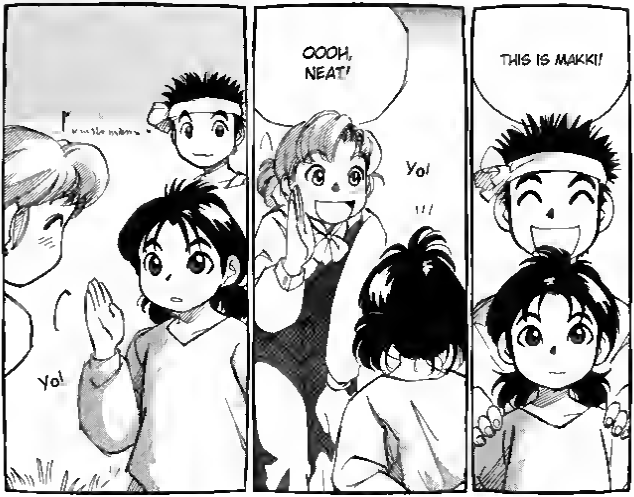

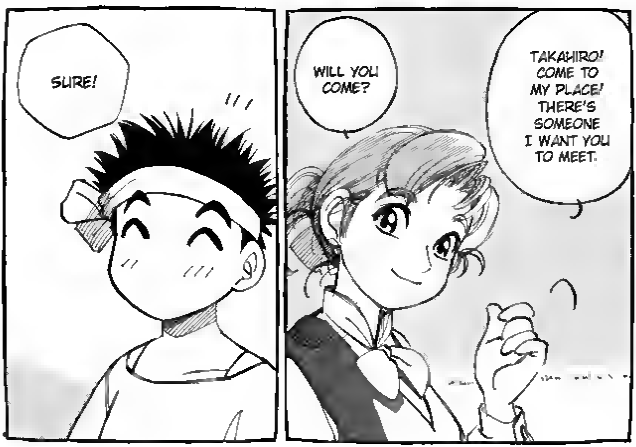

MM...
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Story 30 Cafe Alpha

This road seems to have been made for a summer home that no longer exists.

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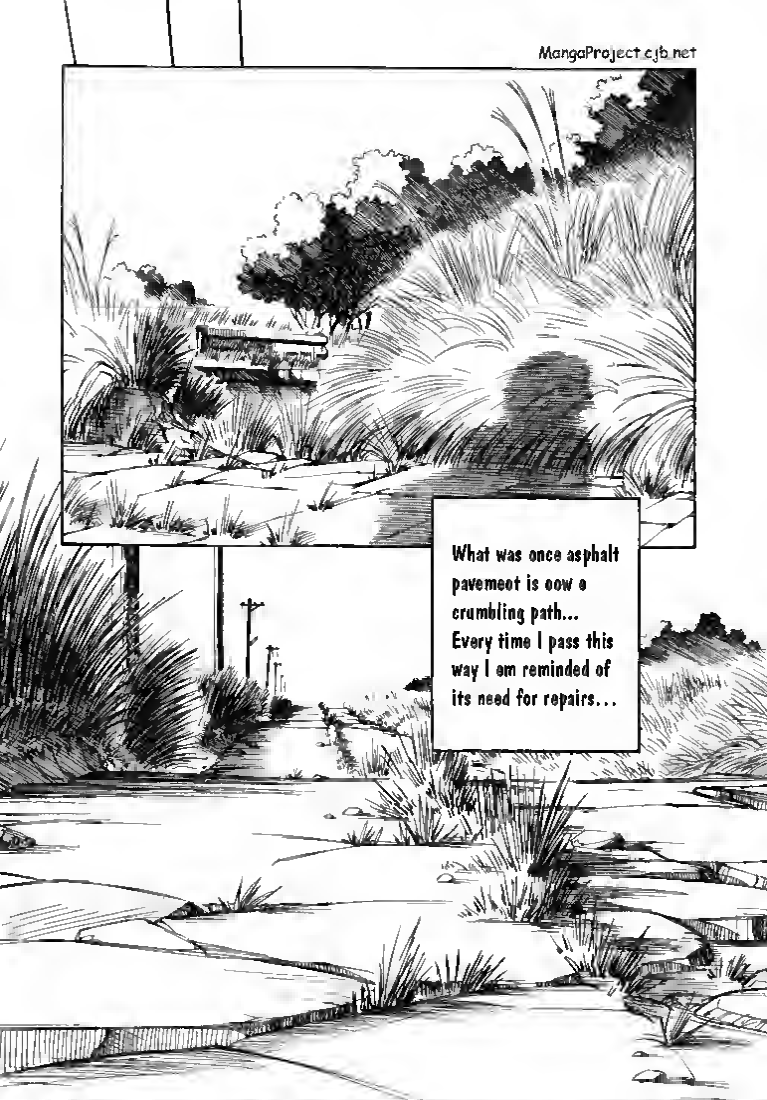

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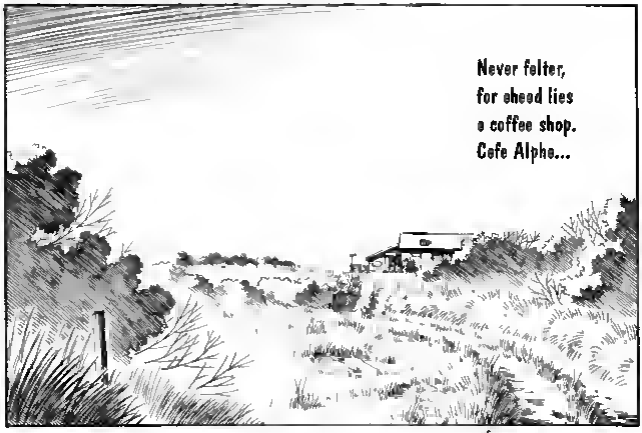
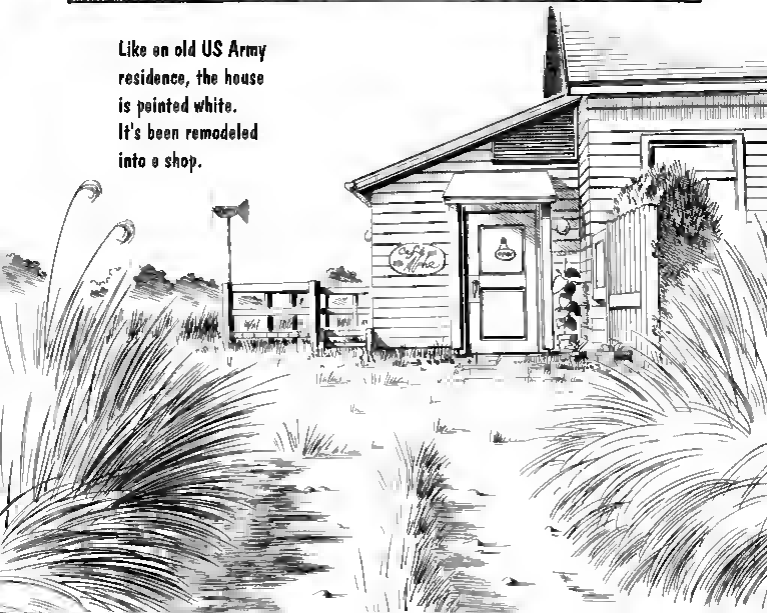
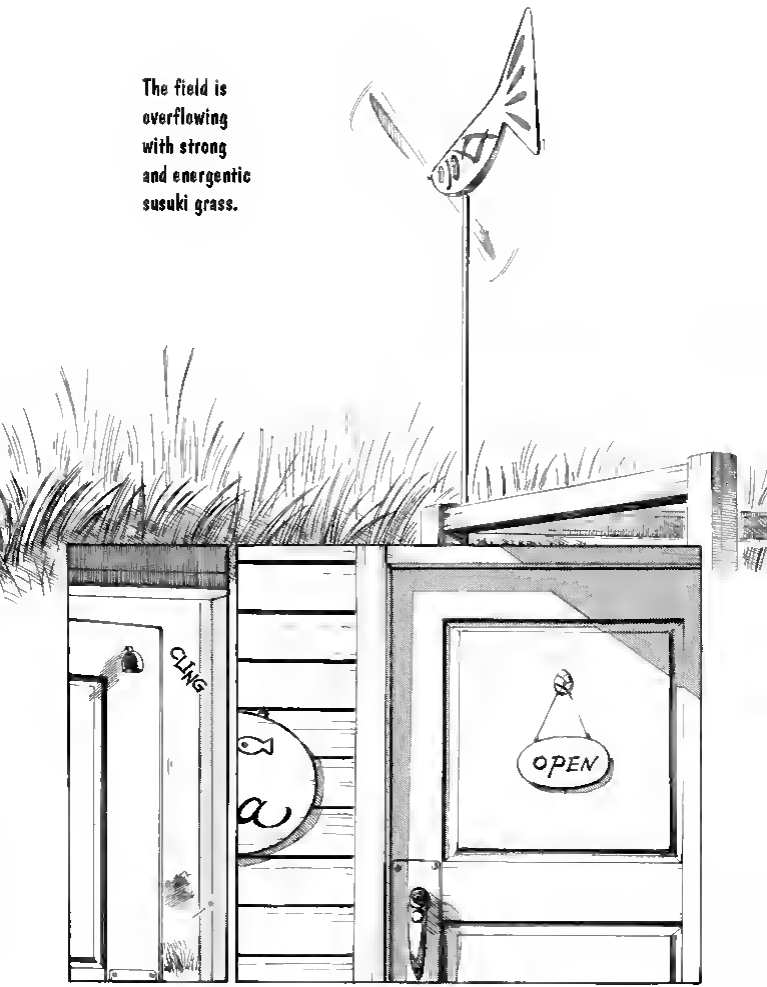


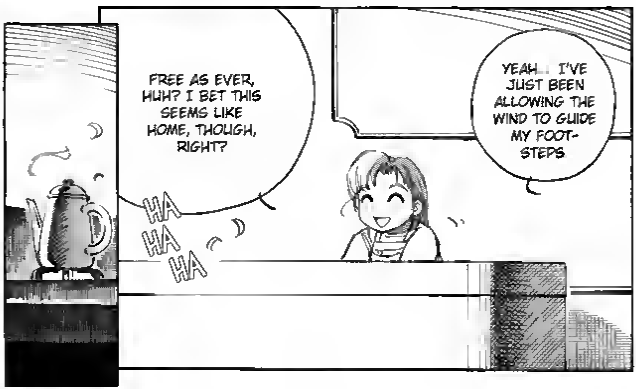


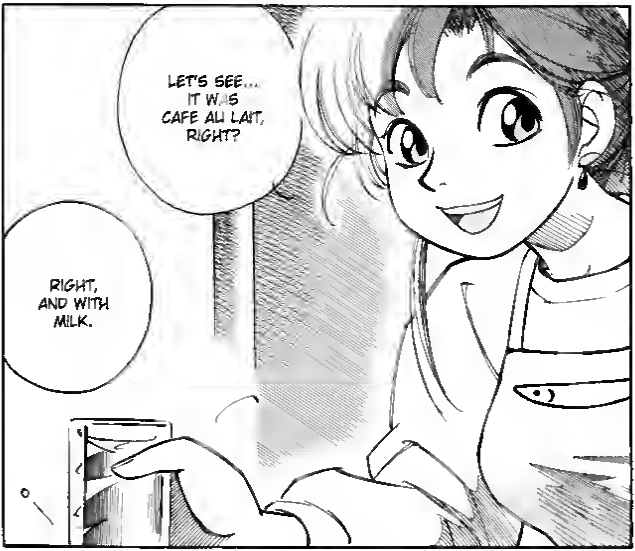
The field is overflowing with strong and energentic susuki grass.

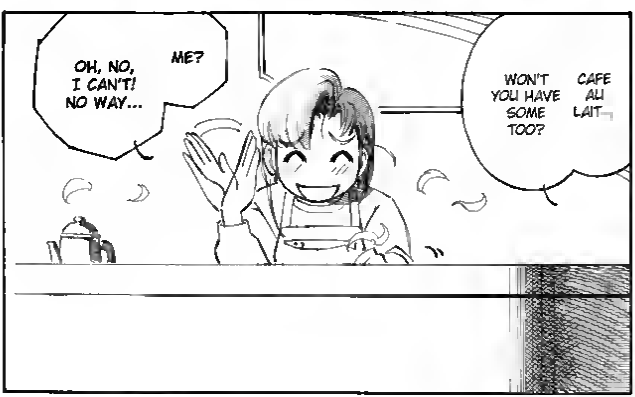


OH! WELCOME!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE.

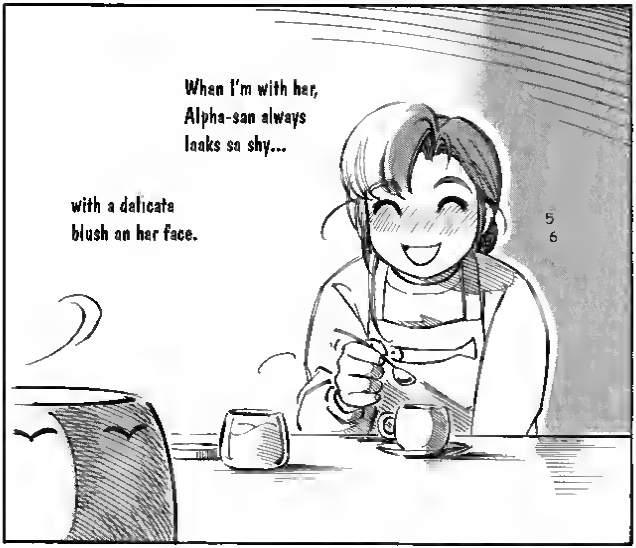
MY, MY...
IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME, HASN'T IT?
PLEASE SIT.


YEAH... I'VE JUST BEEN ALLOWING THE WIND TO GUIDE MY FOOT-STEPS
FREE AS EVER, HUH? I BET THIS SEEMS LIKE HOME, THOUGH, RIGHT?
HA HA HA


LET'S SEE... IT WAS CAFE AU LAIT, RIGHT?
RIGHT, AND WITH MILK.


WON'T YOU HAVE SOME TOO?
CAFE AU LAIT
ME?
OH, NO, I CAN'T! NO WAY...

EHEHEH
DO YOU MIND IF I SIT WITH YOU?
EH? OH, GO AHEAD!


When I'm with her, Alpha-san always looks so shy...
with a delicate blush on her face.
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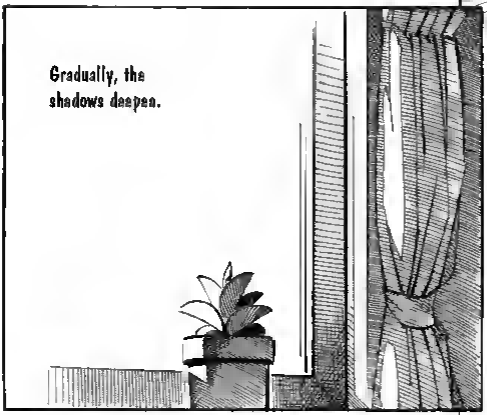
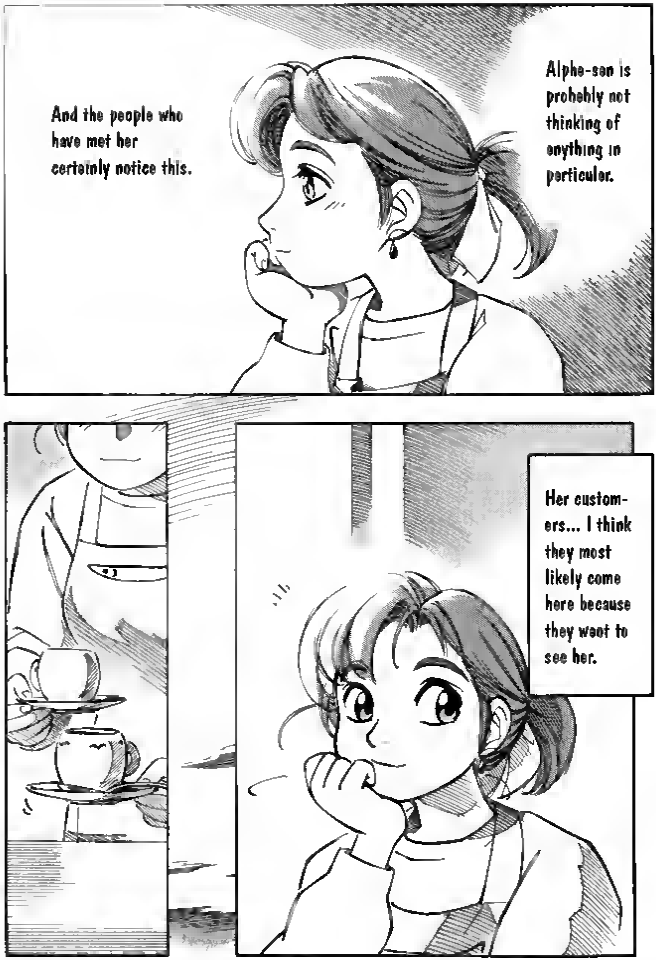
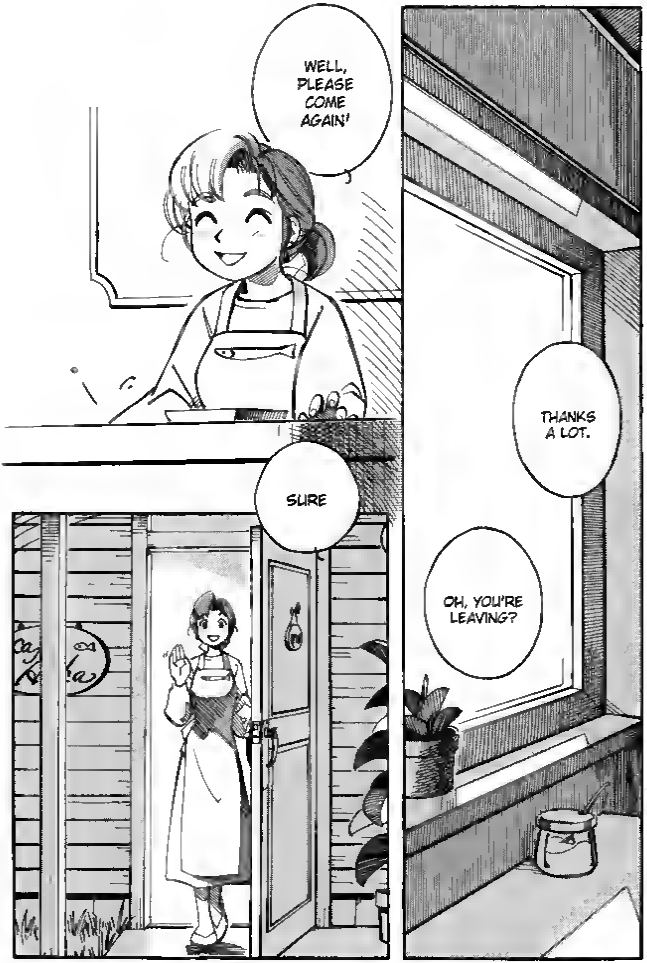

Gradually, the
shadows deepen.

No other customers
seem to be coming
as Alpha-san talks
with me happily.

Lost in thought.
IS THE SUNLIGHT TOO BRIGHT?
HUH? NO, IT'S FINE
.....


Alphe-san is probably not thinking of anything in particular.
And the people who have met her certainly notice this.
Her customers... I think they most likely come here because they want to see her.

While I was here, I saw no other customers besides myself.
WOULD YOU LIKE ANOTHER CUP?
YES, VERY MUCH SO.


WELL, PLEASE COME AGAIN!
THANKS A LOT.
SURE
OH, YOU'RE LEAVING?

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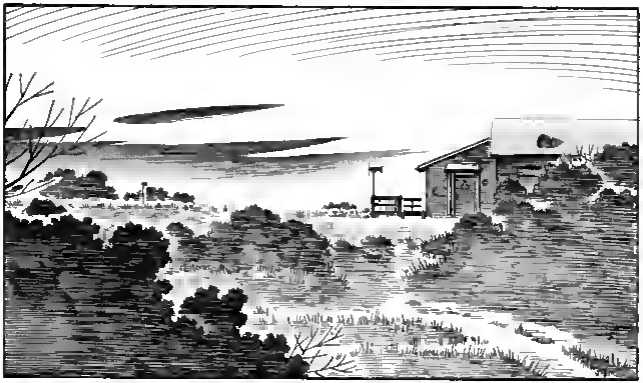

And perhaps on my next visit, I'll be considered a regular customer.

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Red Water

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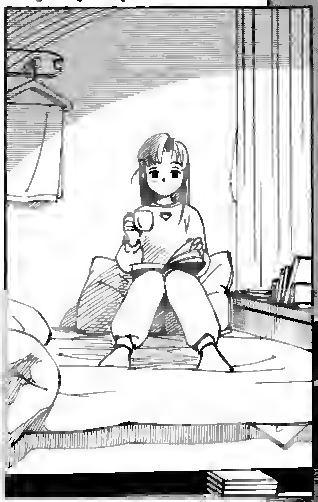

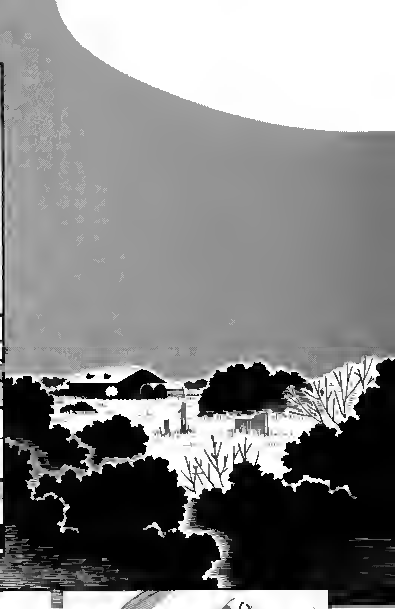

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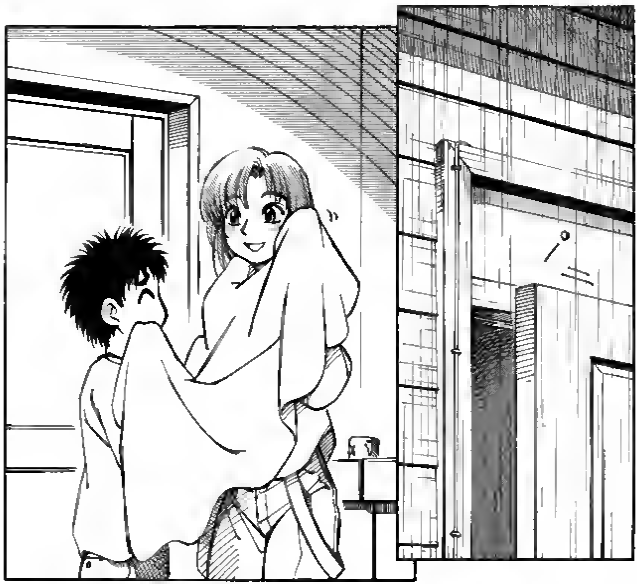
It's somewhere around here... sometimes the well water gets salty.
RUSTLE RUSTLE
There's this water pipe that comes down from a town in the North. It's usually closed but...
SIGH...

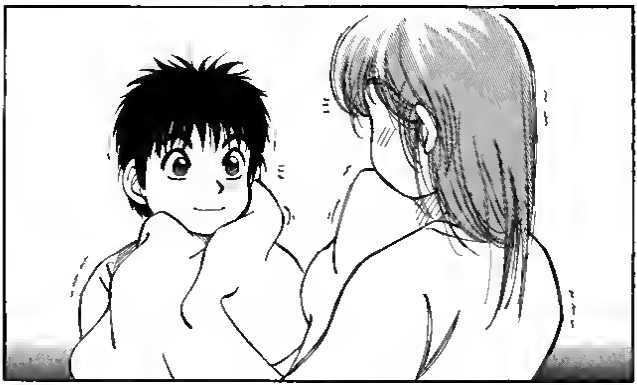
SFX <POURING DOWN>

FOUND IT!
!?
I've got to flip this switch to let it flow to the house...
ARGH, IT'S STUCK
COME ON!!
...OH DEAR
MMPH

!!
CAN I HELP?
.....
TAKA-HIRO!
DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME COMING?
I THINK MY HEART JUST STOPPED
Ah? heart ?
ACK... SORRY

ALL RIGHT THEN...
GO!
YEAH, YEAH
LIKE THIS?
YEAH!
CREAK





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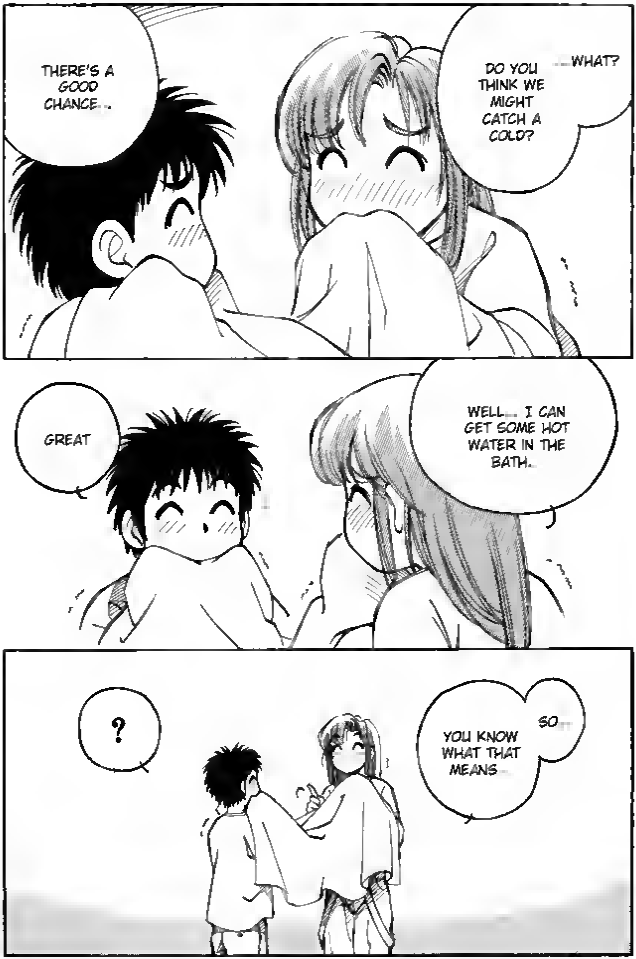

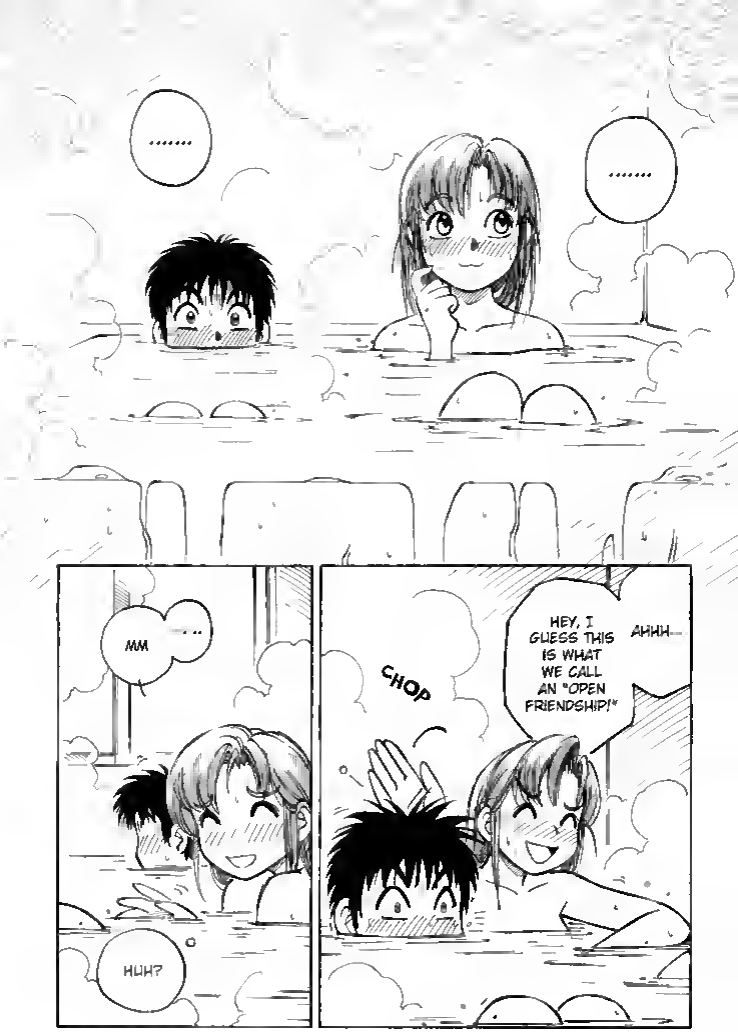
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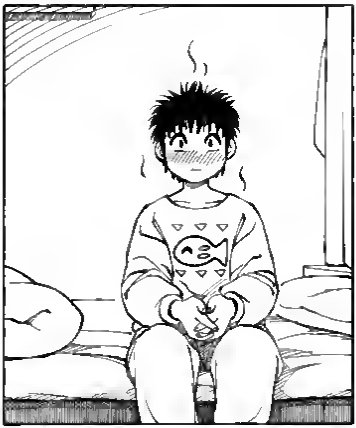
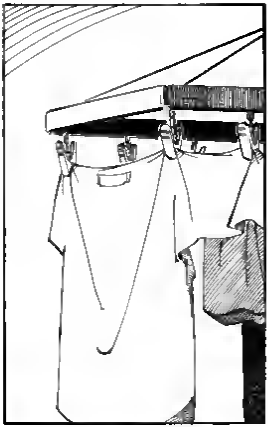
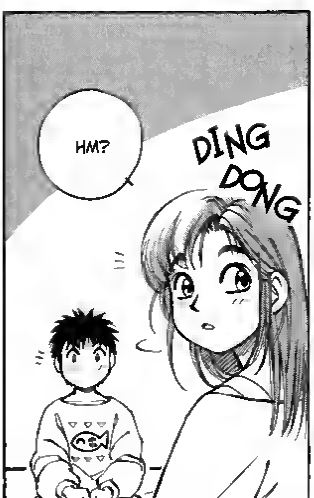
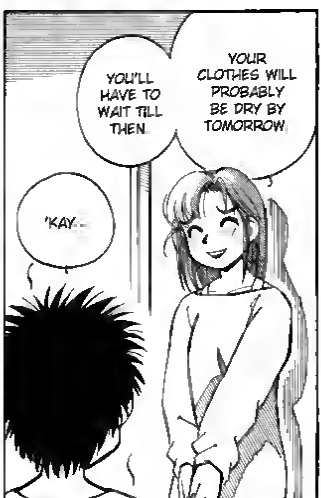
MM...
HUH?
CHOP
HEY, I GUESS THIS IS WHAT WE CALL AN "OPEN FRIENDSHIP!"
AHHH—

WE CAN PROBABLY GET OUT SOON.
SO IT IS.
IT'S TURNING ME RED.
THE HEAT...
.....
IT JUST OCCURRED TO ME..
I PROBABLY COULDN'T HAVE CAUGHT A COLD
COULD I?



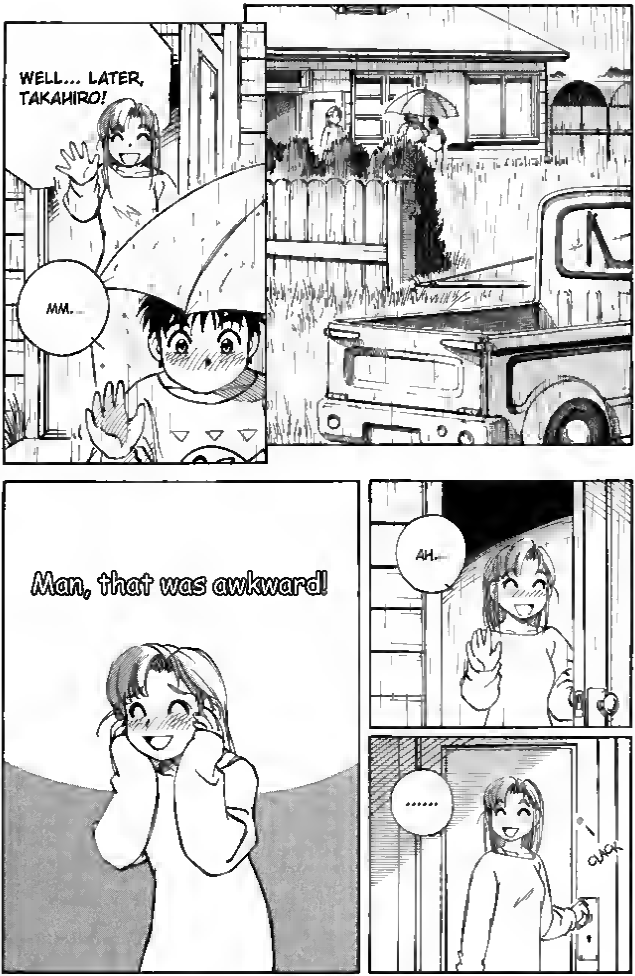


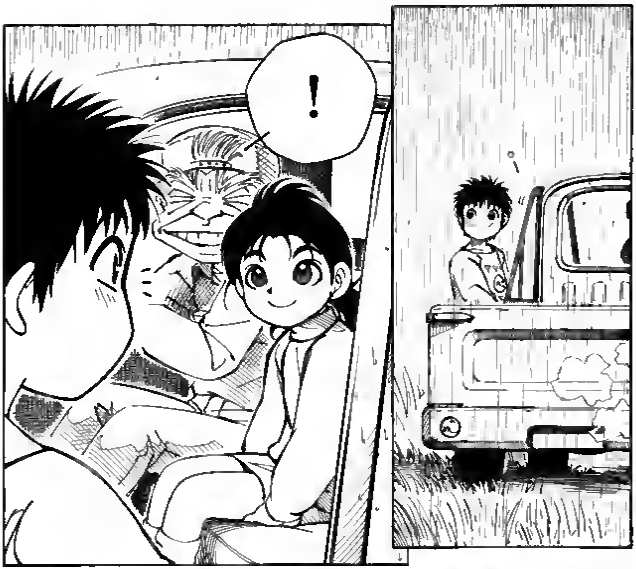

HM?
DING DONG


YOUR CLOTHES WILL PROBABLY BE DRY BY TOMORROW.
YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT TILL THEN.
'KAY...

AHH..
YO.
YES?
YEAH.. A LITTLE FUSS OVER THE WATER, BUT..
HA HA HA
SHOP'S STILL HERE?
HEY YA
TAKA HERE?
I DON'T THINK THAT WILL LAST REAL LONG, THOUGH.
YEAH, THE WATER'S REAL SALTY TODAY, ISN'T IT..

THIS GUY WENT OUT FOR YOU RIGHT AFTER IT STARTED...
THAT'S SOME RAIN, ISN'T IT?
YEAH, HE'S HERE.
AH, HAD A BATH ALREADY, I SEE.
BUT IT'S A BIT WEIRD, THOUGH...
SO, THE RAIN WILL STOP SOON, THEN?
...MM.
I'LL TAKE TAKA HOME.
WELL, I'M SURE YOU'RE BUSY, ALPHA


WELL... LATER, TAKAHIRO!
MM...
Man, that was awkward!
AH...
.....
CLICK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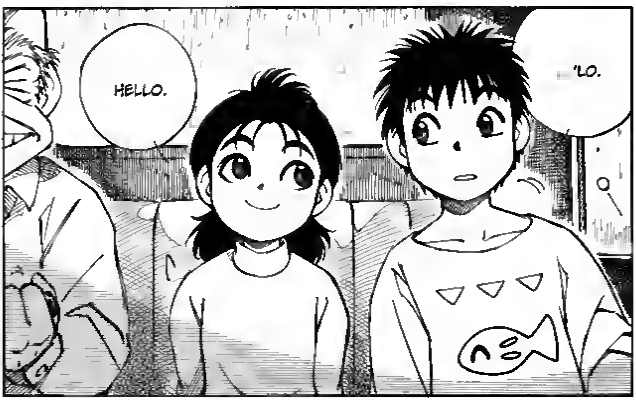
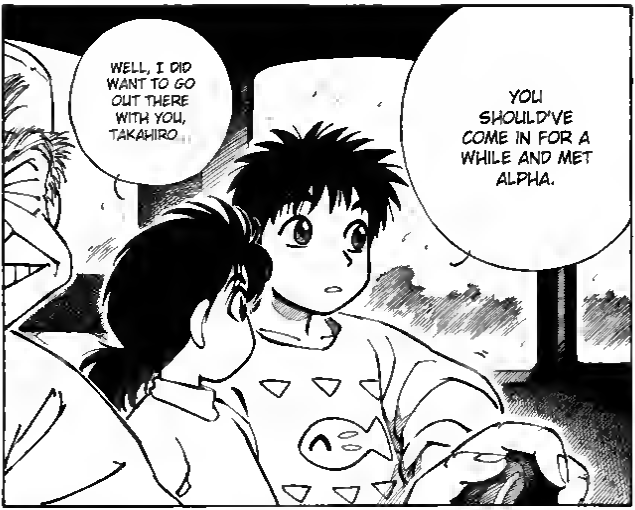
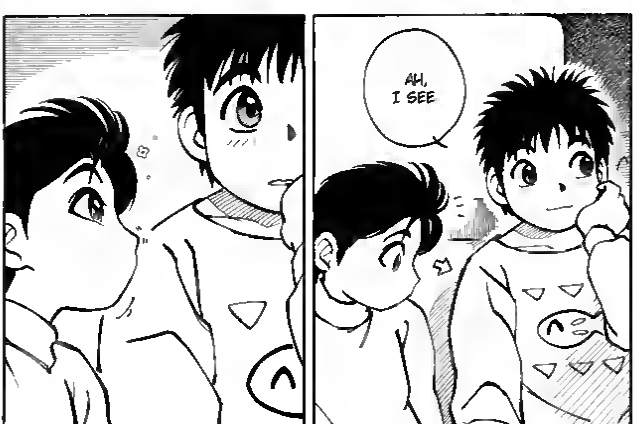
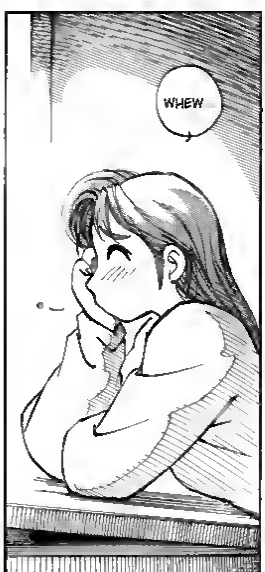

HELLO.
'LO.


WELL, I DID WANT TO GO OUT THERE WITH YOU, TAKAHIRO...
YOU SHOULD'VE COME IN FOR A WHILE AND MET ALPHA.


AH, I SEE

TAKAHIRO.
HM?


WHEW

WHEN WE GET BACK, YOU SHOULD TAKE ANOTHER BATH
HEY!

Short Essay
Improvised Song

Do you think you can see or smell the sound from these strings?
Lost in the moment, the sound of the strings play with all of your senses as they strangely seem to melt in the air like water.
As this music is born it gives your existence new meaning.

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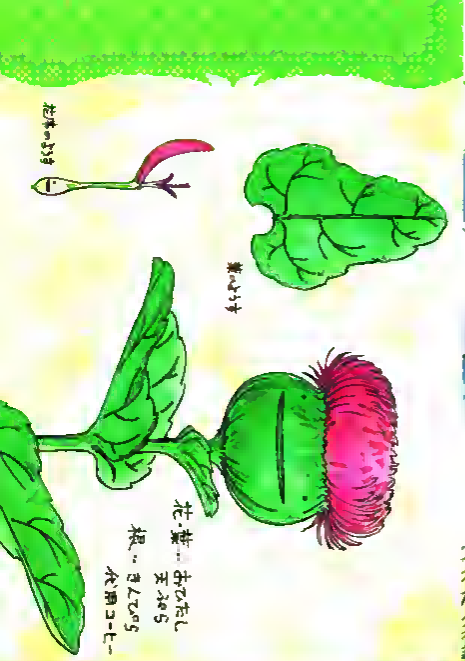

路面電車は未来の乗り物だとか。
なんでも「町のじゃまもの」ってことで
取っぱらってみたら
その分車がふえて
不便になっちゃったそうな。
つまりは、そういうことなんでしょうね。

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LET'S GO WITH MAKKI'S BAIT!